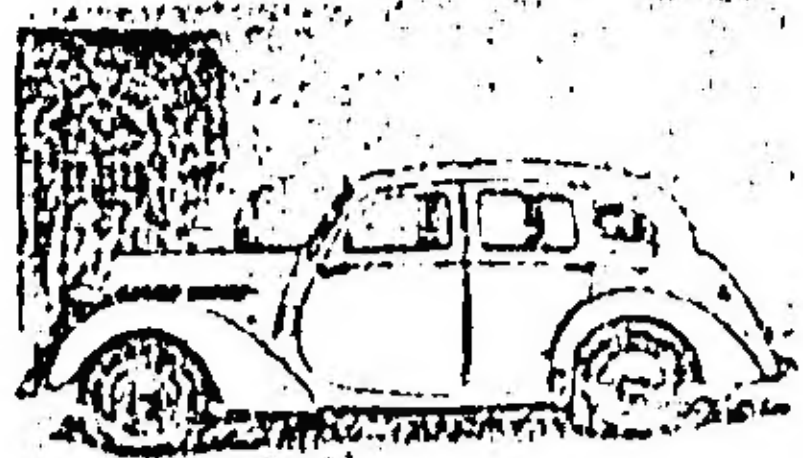


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WOULD START WAR ON US"

BERLIN, Dec. 23.

GERMANY IS ASTOUNDED at the bluntness of the United States' reply to the Note complaining of recent remarks by Mr. Harold Ickes.

Official quarters, however, decline to comment on the refusal to apologise.

But it is understood that the refusal has been taken very seriously by the German Foreign Office.

It is now forming the subject of very careful deliberation. Nazi political quarters describe the development as an act whereby the United States is wantonly seeking conflict with Germany.

Herr Hitler, it is understood, has decided to answer the blunt rejection of the Nazi protest by a personal Note to President Roosevelt.

Meanwhile, newspaper criticism of the United States and American personalities continues unabated in the German press.

The Hamburg "Freidenkblatt" charged to-day that Mr. Harold Ickes was conspiring with Charles Chaplin, the film star, to spread anti-German propaganda.

Chaplin had been commissioned, the newspaper states, to make a movie film denouncing dictators.

The charge is attributed to Chaplin's recent announcement in Hollywood that he was making a motion picture called "The Dictator".

Chaplin refuses to comment on the German charge.—United Press.

BRITISH ATTITUDE RESPONSIBLE?

It is indicated here that America's rejection of the German protest is the result of further stiffening of the British foreign policy.—United Press.

INTERVENTION FEARED Anglo-American Action In East

TOKYO, Dec. 23.

FEAR OF JOINT intervention in the Sino-Japanese conflict by Britain, the United States, France and Soviet Russia was expressed by Mr. Shimada, an executive member of the Seiyukai Party, in an address to a convention of members of the Parliamentary Party to-day, prior to the meeting of the Diet tomorrow.

Mr. Shimada said that the situation to-day was serious, and comparable at that time to the triple intervention by Russia, France and Germany following the Sino-Japanese war of 1894-5.

He denounced as equally outrageous the attitude of Soviet Russia, "which openly tramples on Japan's treaty rights and resorts to unwarrantable provocation."—Reuter.

"Atrocity" Campaign Against Britain

HONGKONG'S SHARE OF PROPAGANDA

AN AMAZING CAMPAIGN of anti-British propaganda, relative in particular to the quelling of the insurrectionary movement in Palestine, was recently launched by Dr. Josef Goebbels, the Reich Propaganda Minister.

The campaign reached its climax this week with publication in practically all the leading German newspapers of alleged atrocities in Palestine by British troops.

So slanderous are they that the British War Office yesterday officially issued a denial, says a "Reuter" message, it being emphatically stated that there was no truth whatever in the allegations.

Here are some of the alleged atrocities, as contained in a "Trans-Ocean" message received in Hongkong yesterday, which claimed that the allegations were made by the Arab Palestine Committee:

"On December 6 British troops attacked the village of Attil, killing women and children, and stealing jewelry and gold. They set fire to 30 houses in which three people were burnt to death. Five persons were selected at random and killed, after being horribly mutilated. Their eyes were gouged out, and their heads smashed in."

"On December 12, the Mayor of Gaza was dragged from his sick bed and thrown into prison."

"On December 15, British troops entered Hebron at dawn, broke into houses and beat up sleeping men, women and children. Shops and houses were burnt and looted, and the inhabitants for 14 hours exposed to rain, cold, hunger and thirst."

Eight hundred were arrested and several frightened women gave premature birth."

"On December 19 the inhabitants of the village of Jatta, near Hebron, were herded together and forced with whips to insult the Englishmen. They were forced to attack the brothers Baminahim, when they attempted to defend themselves. Sixty were killed and more than 100 injured when stones were thrown at them. It was then publicly announced that these people had been insurgents."

"ALL PALESTINE IS HELL"

The alleged statement by the Arab Palestine Committee, issued from Beirut, went on:

"All Palestine is hell. We appeal to world conscience and humanity, and to the women's associations all over the world to free the women and children in Palestine from the atrocities of the British army."

Recent revelations in the London press show that for some time the German newspapers have been deliberately "echoing" on their front pages, canards of British atrocities in Palestine.

A few weeks ago the Berlin newspaper "Lokal Anzeiger", underneath a seven-column banner headline said that despite England's use of armed force, the Arab "freedom movement" is gaining ground, and it used these

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TO SPEND XMAS AT FANLING



A recent photograph of His Excellency the Governor.

"GRUMPY" (And Brothers) ARRIVE IN LONDON

LONDON, Dec. 23.

"HAPPY," "BABY," "Beauty," "Grandmother," and "Grumpy," the five giant pandas from the western mountains of Szechuen, the rarest animals in the world, and the first ever seen in Europe, arrived by the Blue Funnel Antenor from Hongkong to-day, and are now comfortably housed at the Zoo, in a special sun-ray lighted chamber in the sanatorium.

They were brought by Major Floyd-Smith, the well-known American naturalist, who succeeded in catching them by using traps with bowls of water. He took them with infinite difficulty to Hongkong, where they boarded the Antenor.

"Beauty," weighing 300 lbs. is probably five years-old, and is the only full-grown member of the group, the others being cubs of a few months.

They stood the voyage well despite the impossibility of providing bamboo shoots, their natural food. Fortunately they readily accepted fresh cornstarch and apples.

Major Floyd-Smith also invented a synthetic bamboo biscuit, containing the necessary carbohydrates, which the Pandas devoured with every appearance of enjoyment.

They are gentle, playful, but very lazy animals, and prefer to take their food grasped between the paws while lying on their backs.

It is understood the Zoo has bought one for £1,000. The destination of the others is not decided, but all will be on temporary exhibition when quarantine in the sanatorium has ended.—Reuter.

Tokyo Peace Move

JAPAN PLEASSED AT "GENEROSITY" OF JAPAN'S TERMS

LONDON, Dec. 23.

ALL THE PAPERS give prominence to Prince Konoye's peace terms to China.

Commenting on the proposed anti-Comintern Sino-Japan-Manchukuo bloc, the "News-Chronicle" says: "As the Comintern is supposed to govern the activities of all non-Federalist States, the Japanese war aim seems really to be an attempt to squeeze the democratic countries out of China."

Diplomatic circles, which have been very curious as to why the decision of the Imperial conference held on November 30 have been so long withheld, and about which rumours are current that Japan has been secretly sounding China on the possibilities of peace, regard Prince Konoye's statement as something of an anti-climax, containing nothing new, though the absence of reference to Chiang Kai-shek is considered to be significant.

This, combined with the Japanese offer to consider the abolition of extraterritorial concessions, is regarded as special bait to the Chinese.

OLD 21 DEMANDS

Chinese circles say that these terms are merely the old 21 Demands in other form, and that there is nothing in them which they can discuss.

Japanese circles stress the generosity of the terms in which neither cession of territory nor indemnity is required. They also urge foreign powers to note that freedom of future trade is again explicitly assured.—Reuter.

A PARADOXICAL OFFER

Shanghai, Dec. 24. The "North China Daily News", in an editorial this morning, characterizes Premier Konoye's statement as "one of the most paradoxical statements made during the China incident."

It points out the paradox of offering to abolish extraterritoriality and to render concessions, and simultaneously demanding the stationing of Japanese troops throughout China.

It said: "It must be obvious that a nation dominated by (Puppet) governments, instituted by military invaders, can have no independence whatever. It is not believable that these soft words will, in any way, prevail upon the Generalissimo to falter in his determination to carry on his bitter resistance. In the past few months, he has lost nothing of the Chinese people's determined support."

The Premier asserted his desire for Chinese (co-operation) which is daily being sought by bomb and bayonet. The Premier voiced respect for the sovereignty of China and expressed a willingness to abandon extraterritoriality. Yet, China's sovereignty is being outraged in the grossest fashion. As to extraterritoriality, the Chinese have already declared that cancelled so far as Japan is concerned, although the matter must be regarded as academic under prevailing conditions.

"One thing we agree with in the Konoye speech. He said that a spirit of renascence is now sweeping over all parts of China; true indeed—but hardly in the sense that the Premier intended it!"—United Press.

Arabs Seek Peace For Christmas

Jerusalem, Dec. 23.

The Nabulus Arab rebel headquarters has issued a declaration of an armistice during the Christmas holidays provided the British troops "renounce taking the offensive."

United Press.

No Issue On Monday

There will be no issue of the "Hongkong Telegraph" on Boxing Day, Monday next. Publication will resume again on Tuesday, December 27.

The "Telegraph" takes this opportunity of wishing its readers
A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS!

Mother of the Guerillas Leaves

MADAME CHAO YU-TANG, "Mother of the Chinese Guerillas," left Hongkong to-day for the South Seas by the steamer Marechal Joffre.

The moving spirit behind thousands of vigilant guerillas operating throughout China, from Liaotung Peninsula in Manchukuo down to the suburbs of Canton is a 58-year-old Manchurian woman.

She is known throughout the guerilla ranks as "our old mother." Time has turned her hair white, criss-crossed her face with lines. But one thing age (Continued on Page 4.)

LATEST

S.O.S. From British Freighter Off Japan

Tokyo, Dec. 24.

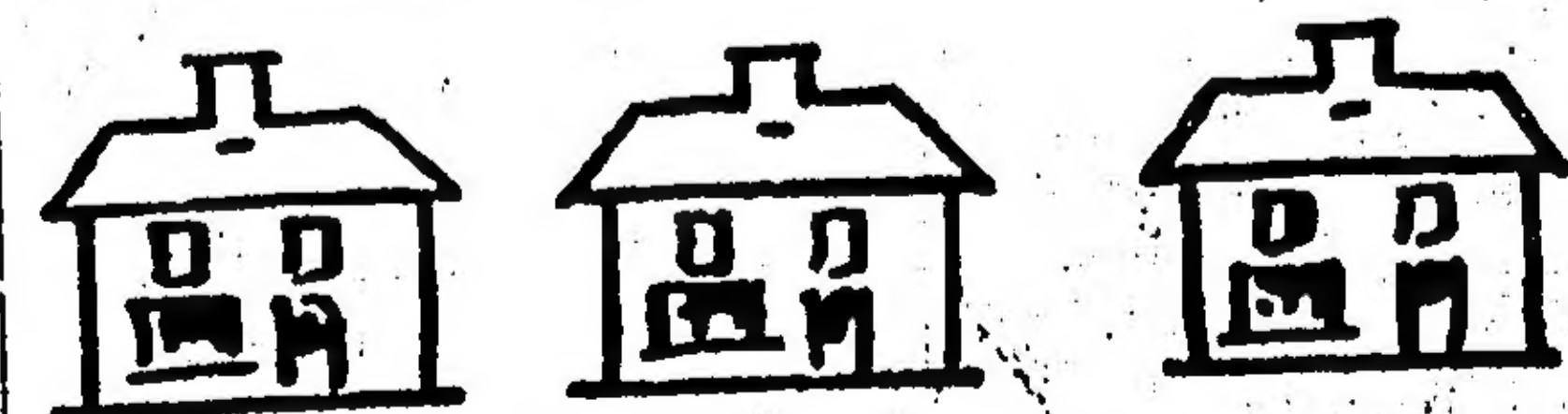
S. O. S. signals were picked up at 11.50 p.m. last night, by local wireless stations from the British freighter Darebola, 4,084 tons, which is in distress at a point 4 miles south of the Katsura Lighthouse on the Pacific coast of Central Japan.

The ship, swept by heavy seas, is in a dangerous condition, wireless messages picked up here indicate.—Domei.

See Back Page For
Further Late News

A PROBLEM TO SOLVE DURING THE WEEK-END

HERE IS A PROBLEM to madden you over the Christmas week-end. There are three houses, which must be fitted with water mains, gas mains and electric light mains.



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But there is a snag. None of the householders will allow any of the mains being extended through or under his house to supply the house next door.

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The Answer To Aircraft

A splendid tribute to Mr. Hubert Scott-Paine, designer and builder of record-breaking aircraft and, more recently, of high-speed surface craft, is published in the current Autumn number of *Courier*.

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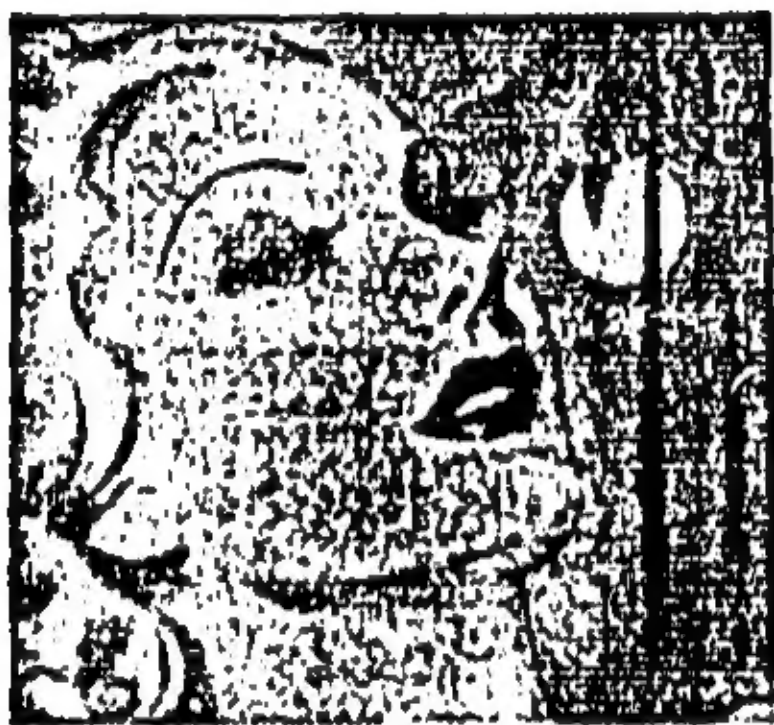
Pheasant Felled With Stone

Watkins Glen, N.Y.

John Coughlin, Watkins Glen state highway engineer, doesn't need a gun for hunting, especially when there is a stone handy. While at work on a construction job, he noticed a pheasant in a nearby field and with true aim felled it with a stone.

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"IF I WERE KING"

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Winifred O'Donnell stood in her flat in Bellingham, S.E., recently, and looked sadly at a doll's tea set, a toy tank and a picture-book.

They were presents her husband had bought on Saturday for their little boy and girl who, with their father, were now lying dead in the next room.

Bernard Joseph O'Donnell, aged forty-three, an out-of-work carpenter, was on one bed. Dennis, a fair-haired lad of ten, and Josephine, his six-year-old sister, were on another. When they were found the room was full of gas.

WROTE TO POLICE

Mrs. O'Donnell, with her two-year-old son Johnny, had spent the week-end with her mother, Mrs. Stewart, in Fulham, S. W. There she received this letter from her husband:—

"I tried to pawn my suit, but they will not take a pledge on Saturdays. I wanted to leave you some cash. I know you will not go into a pawnshop."

"I have given the children a good time, as this is our last day on earth. Kiss baby for me. When he grows up tell him daddy was killed in the war. Don't let him go into the carpentry trade. Good-bye, dearest." Dennis had also written her a note: "Dear Mummy, Daddy has given us presents, and money from our money boxes, and we are having a lovely time.—Love, Dennis."

Mrs. O'Donnell hurried over to Bellingham with her sister. She found the police there: her husband had written to them too.

Mrs. O'Donnell said: "My husband had been out of work only three weeks, but he knew there was no hope of getting more work in his trade until the spring."

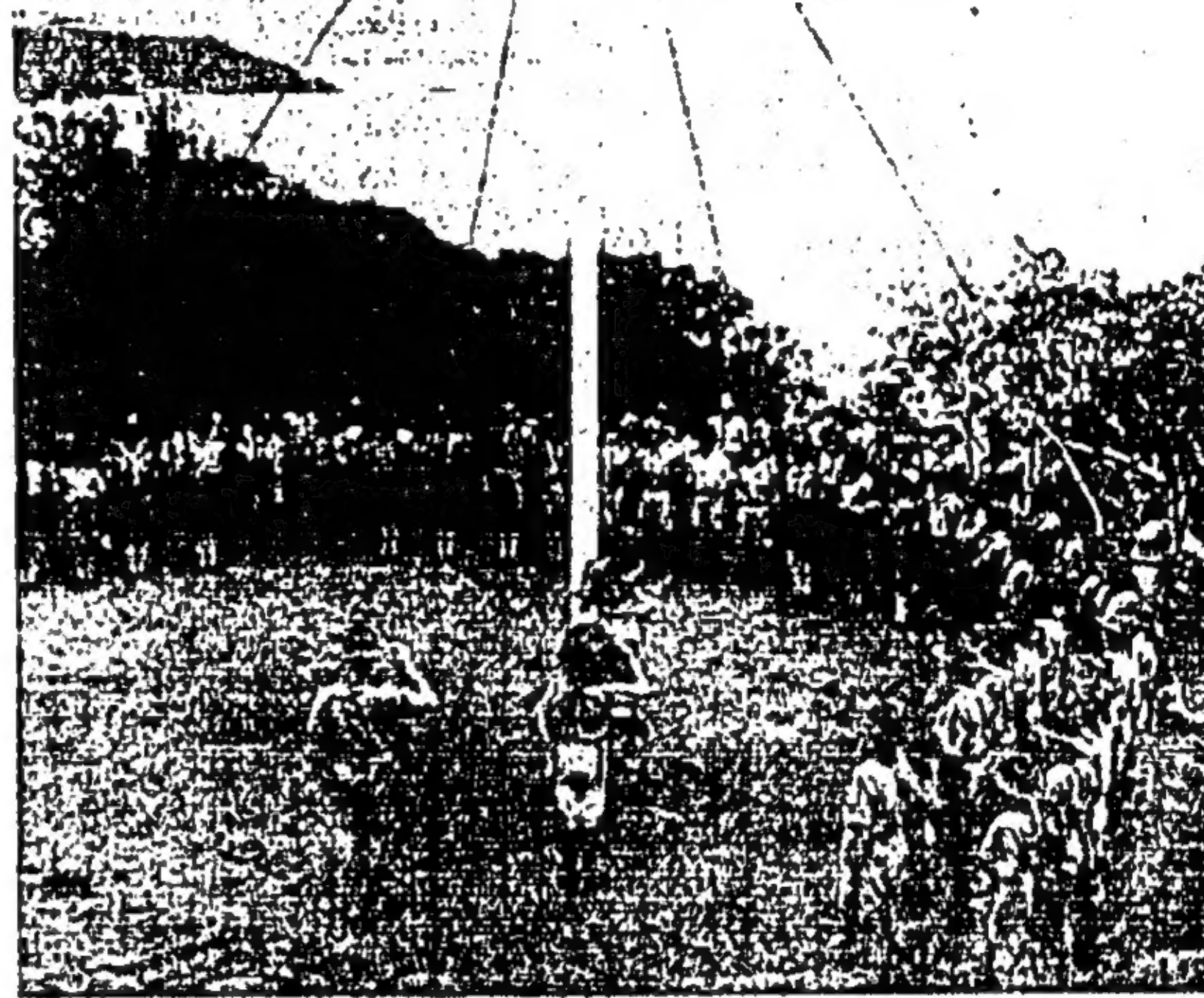
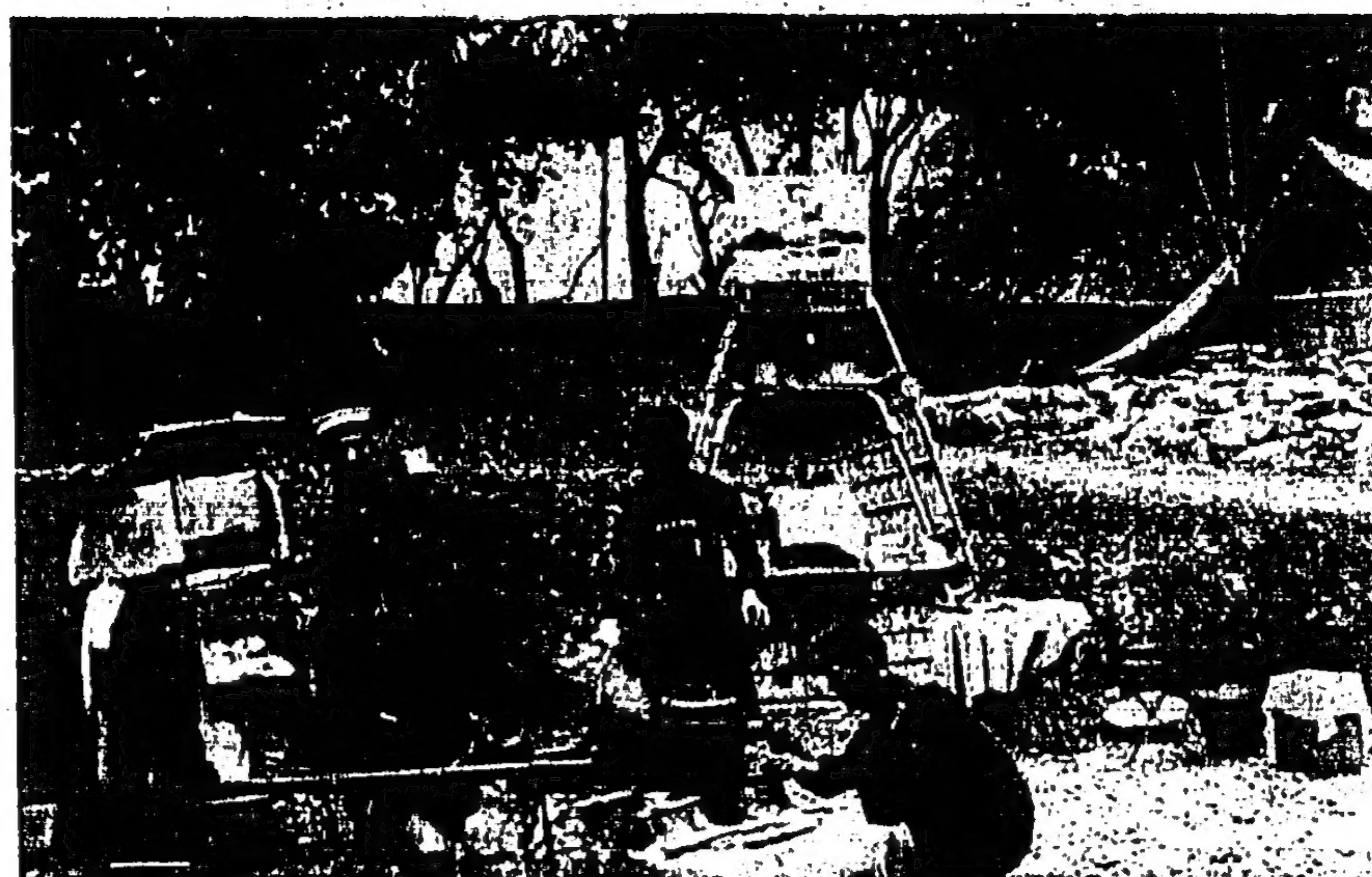
"On Saturday he persuaded me to go for a few days' holiday with my mother. They must have all three died that night."

NIECE OF A PEER SEEKS DIVORCE

THE Hon. Mrs. Brinsley Plunket, formerly Miss Allen Guinness, niece of the Earl of Iveagh, has served a petition for divorce on her husband, the Hon. Brinsley Plunket, thirty-four-year-old brother of the sixth Lord Plunket, who was killed in an air crash in California last February.

They were married at St. Margaret's, Westminster, on November 16, 1927, the bride wearing her golden hair in two long plaits down her back.

In January 1937 the Hon. Brinsley Plunket was left £10,000 by a woman who nursed him when he was taken ill with scarlatina in New Zealand. He was six at the time and was with his father, the fifth baron, then Governor-General of the Dominion.



The two photographs above were taken at the recent Boy Scouts Association Competition Camp held at Chai Wan.

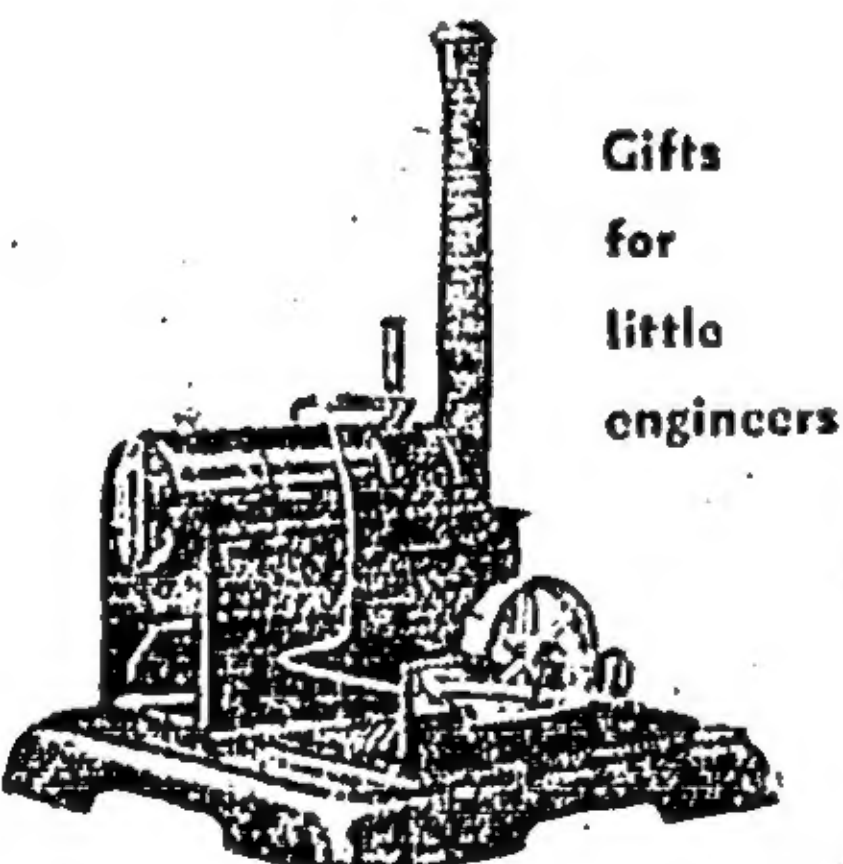


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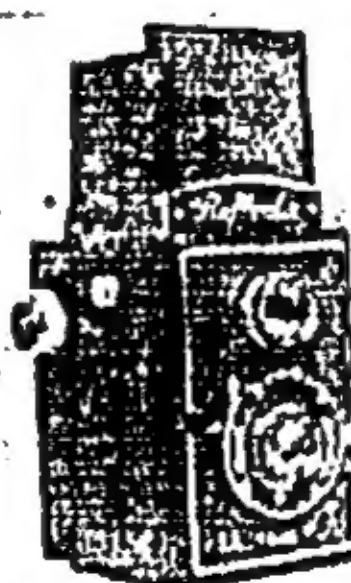
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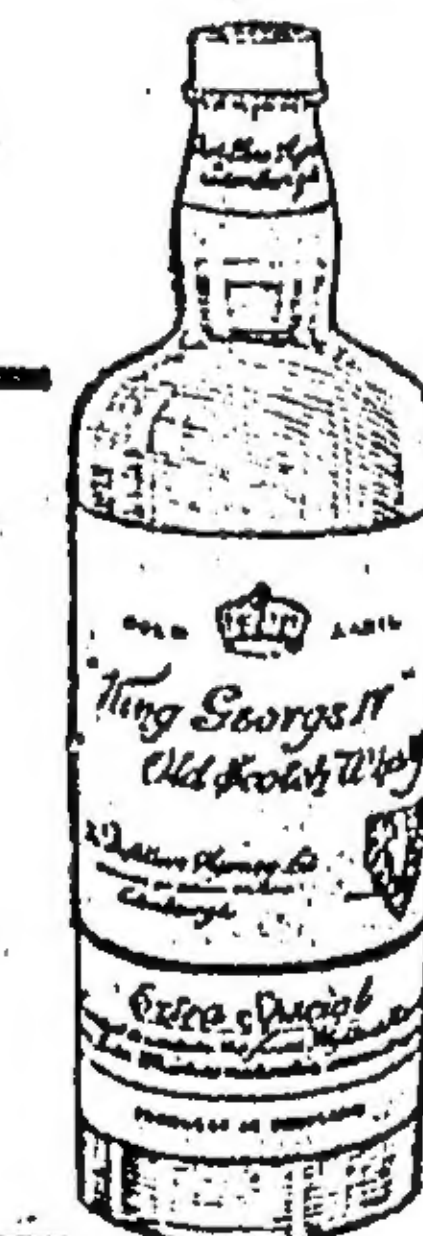
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ST. ANDREW'S BALL

CHIEFTAIN OF SOCIETY ENTERTAINS DISTINGUISHED GATHERING

One of the most brilliant social functions of the Colony, the St. Andrew's Ball at the Peninsula Hotel last night, was characteristic of Scottish national tradition.

Mr. W. Kay, Chieftain of St. Andrew's Society, was host to a distinguished gathering, comprising representatives of the official and unofficial life of the Colony, while the Vice-President, Mr. K. S. Morrison, also took his share in the evening's extensive programme.

Owing to bereavement, His Excellency the Governor, Sir Geoffrey Northcote, and Lady Northcote, were not present.

Opening of Ball

At 9.30 p.m., the Chieftain and the Vice-President, accompanied by Sir Percy Noble and Mrs. Kay, the Society's guests, proceeded to the ballroom for the opening of the Ball. They were preceded by the Honorary Pipe Major W. C. K. Mackie, and a body-guard provided by the Scottish Company of the Volunteers.

The Ball commenced with State Landers, in which the set was Chieftain and Lady Noble, Sir Percy Noble and Mrs. Kay, the Vice-President and Mrs. E. B. C. Dicken, Commodore E. B. C. Dicken and Mrs. A. S. Mackiehan, Major-General A. E. Grasett and Mrs. G. D. R. Black, Hon. Mr. N. L. Smith and Mrs. D. J. Gilmore, Dr. G. D. R. Black and Mrs. Grasett, Mr. S. Mackiehan and Mrs. N. L. Smith. The first supper was served at 11.15 p.m. and during supper, Pipe Major Mackie heralded the arrival of the traditional haggis, carried on this occasion by Mr. J. C. Polson. The "Barley Bree" followed, carried by Mr. D. McColligan, and after it had been taken, the Chieftain proposed the toast to the Patron Saint. He said:

Your Excellencies, Ladies and Gentlemen,—In the name of Hongkong, St. Andrew's Society, I bid all guests welcome to the Ball. Special greetings are extended to His Excellency Vice-Admiral Sir Percy Noble and Lady Noble, to His Excellency Major-General Grasett and Mrs. Grasett, and to Colonel McDougall and the officers of the 2nd. Royal Scots at this, their first St. Andrew's Ball in the Colony.

Unfortunately, His Excellency the Governor and Lady Northcote are unable to be with us to-night, and I am sure you will all join me in condoling with them in their deep bereavement.

As you know, this Ball was to have been held on Friday, December 2, but had to be postponed. After we had fixed on this night we discovered that the Dockyard Recreation Club had engaged these rooms for Friday, December 23. When matters were explained, the Dockyard Club most unselfishly told us to carry on, and I now wish to express to the Dockyard Recreation Club not only my thanks but my admiration for their very sporting gesture.

The Clan Spirit

One often hears the question: "Why is it that wherever a few Scots are congregated abroad there one finds a St. Andrew's Society?" To me it seems that the Celts, or Highlanders, are mainly to blame. In olden days, as you probably know, each highland clan was a sort of glorified family, extremely exclusive and ready to fight all comers on anything affecting the honour of the clan. To-day, although there are no longer inter-clan battles to intensify the old rivalries, the clan spirit is by no means dead. We are told that the highland clans were utterly crushed at and after the Battle of Culloden. Now that statement, like the stories of Alfred and the Cakes, Bruce and the Spider, and Dick Turpin's ride to York, should be swallowed with several grains of salt.

As a matter of fact, many clans did not participate in Prince Charlie's picturesque but unsuccessful campaign, and later, when punishment was being meted out, those loyal (or ultra-cautious) clans naturally did not suffer. Moreover, those so "utterly crushed" showed remarkable powers of recovery. Take, for example, the Camerons, perhaps the staunchest and most severely punished of all the Jacobite clans.

Only a month or two ago, thousands of Camerons from all parts of the world assembled near the foot of Ben Nevis to pay homage to their gallant Chief, Lochiel. And to-day in London, Liverpool, Edinburgh, Glasgow, New York, Sydney and elsewhere we have Clan Donald Societies, Clan Grant Societies, Clan McPherson Societies and others. But in places like Rangoon, N. B. Amoy and Penang, where Scots are

less numerous, conditions are different; and although every Highlander is (or at any rate considers himself to be) a host in himself, it would scarcely be feasible to have a MacGregor Society, or a MacKiehan Society, or a Drummond Society or a MacWhirter Somond Society or a MacWhirter Somond Society. So what do these exiled Celts do?

Delicate Question

They conclude amongst themselves an armistice and agree to forget, for the time being, their thousand year old feuds and vendettas, to bury the hatchet (perhaps I ought to say "Claymore") and to form a combined society. But then arises the delicate question of a name for the society. The Mackenzies or some others might object, and should a man from Argyll propose to call it the "Campbell Society," the MacTavishes or others might take umbrage. Honour is finally satisfied by the adoption of a national title such as St. Andrew's Society; and as a very great concession those proud Celts consent to permit mere Lowlanders like Eric Bryden, David Robb, Andrew Shields, Ben Wylie and myself to become members.

That, ladies and gentlemen, is one explanation of the multiplicity of St. Andrew's Societies on this planet. However, knowing the argumentative and sceptical nature of my countrymen, I shall not be a bit surprised to see this theory of mine torn to shreds next Wednesday by the Scribe from Linkumoddle.

We had the usual games of golf and lawn bowls with our dear old enemies, the members of St. George's Society. At bowls we were successful but at golf we had to bow the knee to the Saxons, whom I congratulate on recapturing the trophy. And once again (and, with Mr. Dodwell's permission, on behalf of both Societies) I wish to thank the Kowloon Bowling Green Club for so kindly placing their grounds and premises at our disposal on December 10.

Settling of Differences

I am all in favour of Englishmen and Scotsmen settling on the playing field any differences that might arise. The other day I was reading some grumbles by an English journalist where he tells how once every year certain men from the North of Spain and the South of France meet in a pass of the Pyrenees in order to emulate the deeds of their ancestors—in other words to have a good old scrap in which several skulls are cracked and a lot of blood spilt. And this blood-thirsty Englishman (I beg your pardon! This "sanguinary journalist") goes on to suggest that in these degenerate days, when our own Borderers are in danger of becoming flabby and effeminate something similar should be done at home—that the Fenwicks, the Forsters, the Murgers and other Northumbrians should march to the Cheviots and join in a good old ding-dong border battle with the Jardines, the Scotts, the Armstrongs and the Elliots. Well, I must say I disagree most heartily. Why resurrect long-buried and all but forgotten animosities?

Besides, the suggestion is not only retrograde but impracticable because we have long since beaten all our battle-axes and lances into mashes and nibbles, and Bannockburn and Flodden have been replaced by Twickenham and Wembley, Murrayfield and Hampden, St. Andrews and Deal, Fanning and Kowloon Bowling Green.

It remains for me to thank those whose labours have made to-night's undertaking possible. First there is our main spring—the mainpring not only of the Ball but of our society—that Prince of Secretaries, Eric Bryden and his able assistant, David Robb. Nor must we forget Pipe Major Mackie and his big-lunged fellow-blowers without whom this gathering would lose its distinctive Scottish tang. We also thank the conveners of the Wine and Supper Committee, the Dance and Music Committee, Lieutenant Parkinson and Mr. David Prophet. Our decorating

WEDDING DAY

Eight Ceremonies Held In Hongkong

Yesterday was the most popular day of the year for weddings, as no fewer than eight couples were united, two at St. John's Cathedral and six at the Registry of Marriages.

At St. John's Cathedral at 2.30 p.m. Miss Margaret Mignon Montgomery McLeay became the bride of Mr. William Hewitt.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. Robert Montgomery McLeay, the Manager of the National City Bank of New York, Hongkong, and Mrs. McLeay, and is herself one of the most popular younger members of Hongkong Society.

White-Tyrrell

The wedding took place at 3.30 p.m. between Mr. Arthur William White and Miss Winifred Amelia Tyrrell.

The bride is the only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. F. Tyrrell of London Road, Stony Stratford, Bucks., Eng. land.

The bridegroom is the eldest son of Engineer-Lieut. A. W. White R.N. (Retired), and Mrs. White of "Kingswood," Kingskerswell, Torquay, England.

The bride, who was given away by Mr. J. G. Hooper, of the Sanitary Department, was attended by one bridesmaid, Miss Marion Hill.

The Very Rev. J. L. Wilson, Dean of St. John's Cathedral, officiated, and Mr. Lindsay A. Lufford was at the organ. Mr. V. C. Benwell, of the Sanitary Department, undertook the duties of best man.

Later a reception was held at the Cafe Wiseman. The honeymoon is being spent at Bagulo, P. I.

REGISTRY WEDDINGS

The wedding took place at the Registry before Mr. T. S. Whyte-Smith, Registrar of Marriages, of Mr. Kwok Wai-yin, clerk of the Sanitary Department, to Miss Chan Pui-king, of 27 Hing Lung Street, Hongkong.

Five other weddings took place before Mr. T. J. Gould, Deputy Registrar of Marriages.

Mr. Cheng Tai-cho, merchant, of 75 Hennessy Road, Wanchai, married Miss Leung Lai-tak, of 7 Leong On Street, Wanchai.

Mr. Lal Kong-mee, merchant, of Telephone Building, Kowloon, married Miss Laura Wong Hong-kong, of 65 Gloucester Road, Hongkong.

Mr. Leong Tong, merchant, of 33 Cheung On Street, Kowloon City, married Miss Fung Yin-hi, of 29 Canton Road, Kowloon.

Mr. Jew Quock-lim, merchant, of 6 Hankow Road, Kowloon, married Miss Leung Lai-ling, of 9 Cedar Street, Shamshuipo.

Mr. Pak Yung-woo, solicitor, of 43 Kennedy Road, Hongkong, married Miss Mary Tsang Wai-chun, of 60 Kennedy Road, Hongkong.

MR. W. JONES MARRIED

Former Registrar of Marriages Wed In Singapore

Mr. William Anselm Jones, who was formerly Deputy Registrar of Marriages, Hongkong, and is now in the Treasury, was married in Singapore to Mrs. Evelyn Marianne Wiley, and returned to the Colony in the Carthage on Wednesday.

The bridegroom is the son of Mrs. Corridwen Jones and the late Rev. William Owen Jones, of Liverpool.

The bride is the daughter of Mrs. Alice Ann Johnstone, and the late Mr. John Edward Johnstone, of Edgbaston, Birmingham.

The Rev. S. Band officiated at the ceremony, which took place at the Presbyterian Church, and Mr. Justice A. Beckett Terrell gave the bride away.

A reception was held at the Tang-in Club.

is still supervised by a member of the Duncan family, and the highest compliment I can pay "Andy" Duncan is to say that he is now as useful and 'essential' to the Society as his famous father "Geordie" was for so many years. (Applause).

Your Excellencies, Ladies and Gentlemen, I now ask you to rise and drink the toast: "To the Pious, and immortal Memory of St. Andrew."

The toast was given with acclamation.

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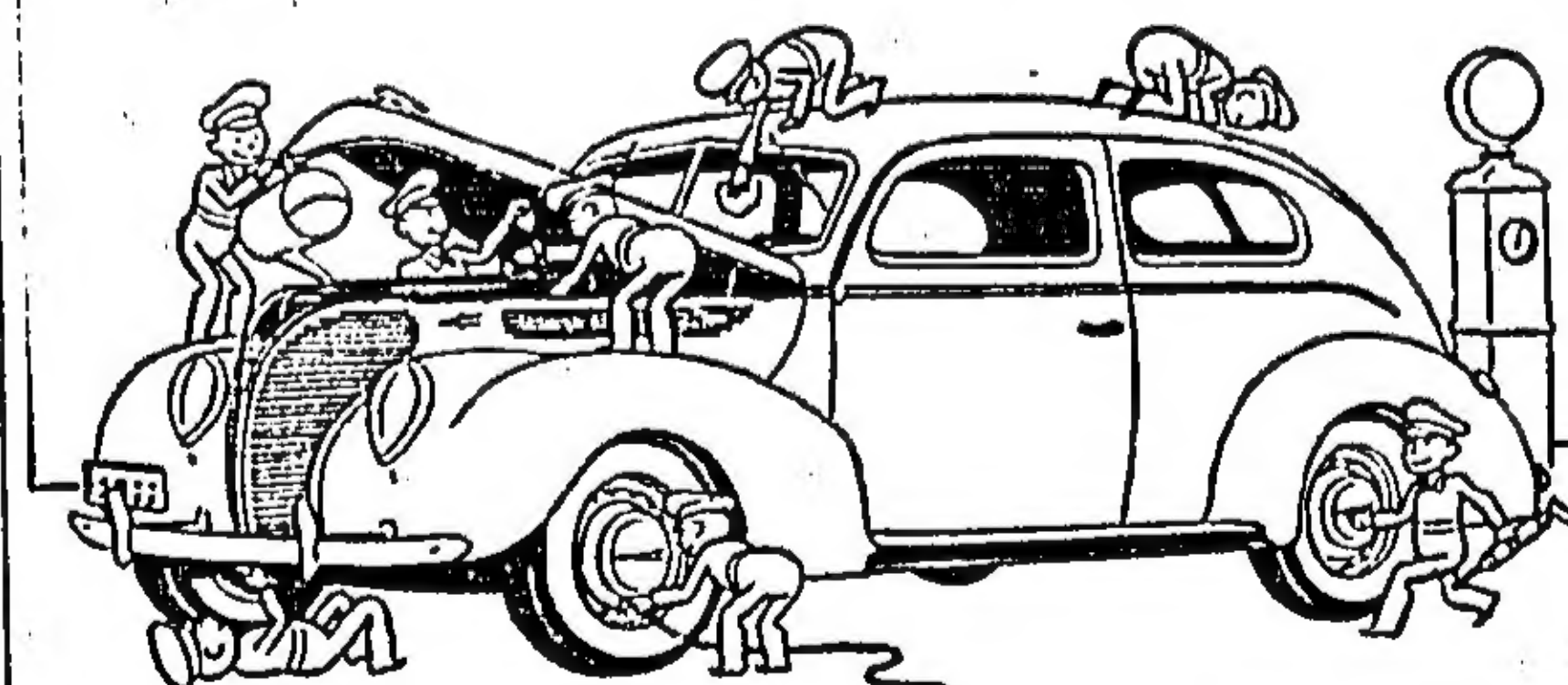
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BEER AND CHIPS

Witness For Prosecution Not Available

A summons against A. da Motta, licensee of the Liberty Hall restaurant, 64, Gloucester Road, for allegedly selling intoxicating liquor not accompanied by a meal, was dismissed by Mr. R. A. D. Forrest at the Central Magistracy yesterday.

Divisional Inspector A. Baker prosecuted, and Mr. Leo D'Almada, Sr., appeared for defendant.

Inspector Baker informed the Magistrate that he had been unable to trace two naval ratings to whom the liquor had been sold.

Mr. D'Almada submitted that without these men, the evidence would be useless and irrelevant.

Mr. Forrest, however, ordered the case to proceed.

Mr. C. G. Pridue, A.S.P., stated that he went with Inspector Baker to the Liberty Hall on November 7 and saw six customers there, two of whom were naval ratings, sitting at a table. On the table were two bottles of beer and a plate of potato crisps. On another table, where a civilian was sitting, there was also beer and a plate of crisps.

Questioned by Mr. D'Almada, witness said that he went to have some idea of the place, the management and the neighbourhood. He thought it would be useful knowledge for him in view of the fact that he had been asked by the Commissioner of Police to attend the Licensing Board meeting which was to be held on the following day.

Mr. D'Almada: So you are not giving us any evidence as to whether defendant had committed an offence or not?—No.

Mr. Forrest: He is giving evidence which might help the case of the prosecution.

Not Worth Thirty Cents

Mr. D'Almada: With regard to the potato crisps that were on the table, would you think they were worth thirty cents?—No, I certainly would not pay thirty cents for them.

Mr. D'Almada submitted that with regard to the charge of thirty cents

to be made on a meal served with liquor, the Ordinance was very defective and until an amendment could be made it would be difficult for the prosecution to go on with their case.

Divisional Inspector A. Baker said that he went to defendant's restaurant with Mr. Pridue. Defendant was present when witness questioned two naval ratings who gave their names as P.O. Weare and Landing Seaman Walker, who told him that they had paid \$1.00 for the two beers.

Witness asked them if they had ordered a meal or a sandwich, and was given a negative reply. He went to other tables on which were bottles of beer and was also told that no food had been ordered. The occupants of another table, however, informed him that they were waiting for a club sandwich. During the questioning, defendant made no attempt to deny any of these statements.

Five minutes later, said Inspector Baker, servants of the restaurant came out from the kitchen with plates of sandwiches which they placed on each occupied table.

Witness said that he had since tried to trace the naval ratings concerned, but had failed to find them. He was of the opinion that they had given false names.

Mr. D'Almada: Can you suggest any reason why these people should have given false names?—I cannot say, unless they were afraid of being drawn into this case.

Do you think it abnormal for \$1.00 to be charged for only two beers?—No, I understand that that is the usual price charged in restaurants.

Would the cost of the sandwiches be included in that price?—I shouldn't think so.

Apart from this hearsay evidence, you have no other proof?—No, I shall have to leave it to the Magistrate to decide.

Could you estimate the value of the potato crisps that were on the ratings' table at the time?—About three cents.

Mr. D'Almada submitted that there was no case for the prosecution, and Mr. Forrest adjourned the Court for thirty minutes after which he dismissed the summons on the ground that there was no warning given to defendant that he would be prosecuted after the questioning of the naval ratings.

TRAFFIC SUMMONSES

Magistrate Complains Against Motorist

Mr. T. J. Houston, Magistrate in the Central Police Court, was the complainant in a traffic case against C. E. D'Almada, of 21, Morrison Gap Road, who was charged before Mr. R. A. D. Forrest at the Central Magistracy yesterday and fined \$10 for driving without due care and caution along Island Road, near Stanley, on December 9.

Mr. Houston said that he was driving towards Shaaukiwan when he saw defendant's car coming round a bend on the wrong side of the road. Witness was driving at 20 m.p.h., and was forced to jam on his brakes to avoid a collision.

Mr. L. A. Searle, A.S.P., who was with witness in his car at the time, corroborated.

Denying the charge, defendant claimed that Mr. Houston was nervous when his car was rounding the bend.

Defendant's wife, and another witness, gave evidence for the defence.

OVERTIME PARKING

Dr. G. T. Balean of Union Buildings, and H. J. Kroeger, of the Chien Hsin Engineering Company, were each fined \$2 when they appeared before Mr. R. A. D. Forrest at the Central Magistracy yesterday and admitted summonses for having parked their cars in Chater Road over the time limit.

A fine of \$10 was imposed on Mrs. P. Dibley when she admitted a summons for having parked her car for over half an hour outside Exchange Building on December 14.

Mrs. J. McKelvie, of Albion Terrace, Kowloon Docks, was cautioned by Mr. Q. A. A. Macfadyen at the Kowloon Magistracy yesterday on a summons of having driven her car in Prince Edward Road on November 22 at a speed of 30 miles an hour.

Traffic-Sergeant A. Bethell said that the road was clear at the time, and added that Mrs. McKelvie had a clear driving record.

CHRISTMAS DAY WITH THE (H.K.) NUDISTS

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sloned, for everything and everybody was most circumspect. In fact, were it not for the album and loose photographs lying about, I might easily have imagined myself to be attending a "Pleasant Sunday Afternoon" or other equally innocuous meeting.

If I found anything disturbing at all, it was only at the moment when, looking up from one of the photos in front of me, I was able to identify it with a lady sitting opposite. As I did so she caught my eye, and, were such a thing possible among nudists, I could have sworn that she actually blushed!

The sexes were more or less equally divided around the table, and the atmosphere could correctly be described as cosmopolitan.

Evidence of the popularity of the movement among some sections of the public was soon manifest at last Saturday's meeting, when it became difficult at eight o'clock to find room for all the arrivals. At one time I began to wonder whether, should it become impossible to rake out any more chairs, it would be necessary for some of the male members to accommodate a lady on his knee.

But the contretemps—fortunately or unfortunately, according to the point of view—never arose, and, after much cracking of nuts, some exchange of pleasantries, and a little bawling and date fixing between the younger members, the meeting gradually broke up.

BEFORE LEAVING, however, I button-holed the president and asked him to tell me a little about the society. Was he in any way disappointed with the results of his six-year campaign?

"Not at all," he replied. "As far as Europeans are concerned, with the exception of British servicemen and Germans, they have certainly not given us the support they could have done."

"English ladies, are especially difficult about joining up."

"However, we really are not very much concerned over the nationality of our members. It is the spirit that counts with us—not the complexes of East and West. If other people's views don't coincide with ours we just leave them alone."

"We are a small band, but a vigorous, healthy and happy one," Mr. Laneport continued. "Every Sunday a party of us goes out to an island off the Castle Peak Road—our headquarters for recreation since we gave up the Shing Mun River site. At Shing Mun the river was dammed when the Jubilee Reservoir was built, and we found ourselves without any water."

"We now enjoy perfect peace on our island," he said with a smile, "well away from all traffic roads and the public—alone with Nature!"

"YOU SEE, nudists are consciously free from that enslaving 'sex war' that is such a hindrance to the proper understanding and exchange of ideas between men and women, since they know that the real 'sex' is not of the body and its sex."

"To women, clothes are an all-important element in this 'sex war'—its very armament in fact—and by stripping herself of her clothes a woman consciously and joyfully declares peace to all men."

VERY NICELY PUT, Mr. Laneport but you must remember that there is another school of

thought which believes in the sanctity of the female body and considers that a woman who reveals her most intimate charms to the eyes of the whole world merely loses their—and her own—value.

MR. LANEPORT went on to tell me something of the manner in which the Hongkong nudists spend a time on this "Eldorado" island of theirs.

"Each member rests or spends his time as his fancy leads him," he said. "Some fish, some sun-bathe; all swim occasionally, whilst others again may refer a ramble up the lovely mountain-side with its picturesque waterfall and long range views over the unlit ocean."

"Do you ever have trouble from keeping Toms and Paul Pry?" I asked.

"We have never yet had any incident with observers," he answered. "Sometimes a lone yacht may come to the island to replenish its water supply, but the occupants invariably respect our privacy and our rights."

"Our society is run on a 'free-of-charge' basis. There is neither entrance fee nor subscription, only the out-of-pocket expenses, which are divided amongst the male members for each outing."

"From whom do you draw your membership principally?" I wanted to know.

"From persons innately free to live their own lives, and therefore 70 per cent persons not belonging to established society, whether foreign or Chinese," he answered.

"Some of them are cabaret girls and artists' models; who are free from any complexes, and then there is a number of smart but free-minded young Chinese women with their companions; also office workers with their husbands and children."

"The men are mostly members of the three-services; some clerks, teachers and quite a few well-known Chinese doctors."

DOESN'T IT seem strange that artists' models should enjoy stripping on a Sunday? Surely it can only mean a "busman's holiday" to them!

"WE LIVE our lives intensely," Mr. Laneport concluded, "beyond the trammels of organised society and free from its clutches."

I came away wondering if, after all, there is something to be said for this "Back-to-Nature" movement, or whether it deserves the somewhat crude and terse description that a friend of mine gave it the other day—"Nudism? Nertz!"

Prior to last Saturday, my nearest approach to "nudism" was when I visited the Jermyn Street Turkish Baths in London, and then I nearly got turned out of the cooling-off room for being unable to restrain my mirth at the spectacle of a large fat man sitting down reading a newspaper and wearing nothing but a pair of glasses.

I am afraid my sense of humour may prove rather a stumbling block to making much progress in nudist circles.

And then again, having a somewhat vacillating nature in addition to an exaggerated sense of the ridiculous, I should be scared that, instead of becoming an orthodox nudist, I might develop into a lewdist or a prude.

In any case, I take my hat off to you, Mr. Laneport, for your pertinacity in sticking to your principles, and, even if your efforts have only met with a partial success in Hongkong, I can only remark, "You're a better man than I am, Gunga Din!"

Crossword Puzzle

By LARS MORRIS

ACROSS

- 1—Peership
- 2—Remainder of testis
- 3—Staidhouse
- 4—Even covering
- 5—Man's voice
- 6—Name of Charles Lamb
- 7—Victory
- 8—Wireless telephone
- 9—Midday
- 10—Whole number
- 11—Clearly perceptible
- 12—Fieri
- 13—Metric unit
- 14—Tail of
- 15—Join closely
- 16—Surrounded
- 17—Feminine
- 18—Bait
- 19—Within
- 20—West Indian society
- 21—Voice indistinctly
- 22—Adapt
- 23—Healed
- 24—Road's rear
- 25—Clay roofing material
- 26—Name name
- 27—Pier's new
- 28—Northern aquatic bird
- 29—Central part
- 30—High mountain pass
- 31—Narrow mountain
- 32—Small sandpiper
- 33—Death notice
- 34—Thick soup

DOWN

- 1—Maine island
- 2—Pier
- 3—Net for hair
- 4—Somewhat old
- 5—Cover scattering
- 6—Puck out
- 7—And German
- 8—Even position
- 9—Show fruit of
- 10—Presents for
- 11—German philosopher
- 12—Supreme being
- 13—Pierce
- 14—Pertaining to seaplane
- 15—Faint
- 16—Fierce coalition
- 17—Omniscience
- 18—Ours
- 19—Poker
- 20—Roman magistrate
- 21—Jilt
- 22—Distraught
- 23—Vegetary
- 24—Danger
- 25—Period
- 26—Members of Caucasian race
- 27—English pigeon
- 28—Olive conference to
- 29—Yale University
- 30—Railroad station
- 31—Administer extreme
- 32—Unction to
- 33—Faint blind
- 34—Very black
- 35—Nice
- 36—Cover
- 37—Skin opening
- 38—Great lake
- 39—Small duck
- 40—Malt (Scottish)

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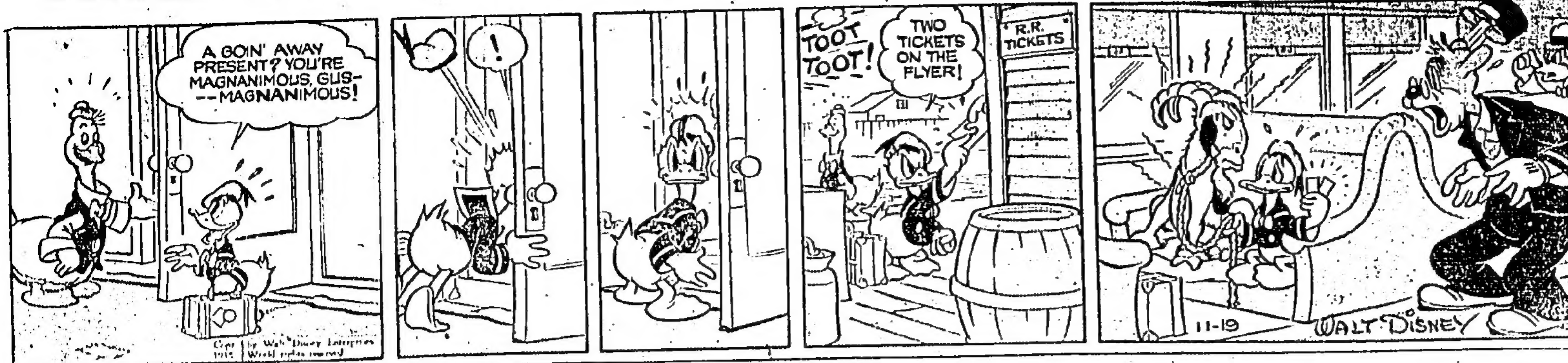
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8 Firemen Called To Saw Baby From Chair

A FIRE ENGINE and eight firemen from Bethnal Green were turned out recently to cut up a high chair in which a screaming Stepmey baby was trapped for a quarter of an hour.

The cause of all the trouble was Arthur Kamonovitch, 11-year-old son of an unemployed tailor and his wife, who live in Nicholas Street, just off the Mile End Road.

"I strapped him in his chair in the usual way, because he's a regular terror with fidgeting, and left him while I got on with the housework," Mrs. Kamonovitch said.

UP TO THE CHEST

"Suddenly I heard him screaming. I dashed upstairs to find that, in spite of the straps, he had managed to wriggle and force both legs through the hole in the seat. By the time I reached him his wriggling and screaming had made him sink up to the chest, and he was jammed so that he could hardly breathe.

"I could do nothing to free him, so a friend fetched a butcher from over the road and he tried to saw Arthur out.

"In desperation somebody phoned the fire brigade. They came with a fire engine and an ambulance followed, and in about two minutes they had cut up the chair and got him out. Arthur was taken to hospital, but they found no bones were broken, although he was a bit bruised."

EMPIRE INDUSTRIES REPORT

London. The Empire Industries Association has just issued their twelfth Annual Report for 1938, in which they deal with the Mandates issue.

The Report states: "We all now realise that the pious hope of Collective Security in Europe as a possible defence for this country is shattered, and in consequence we have to look to our own strength and rely upon those on whom we can count in time of peril. By far the greatest insurance for our freedom lies in the promotion by every means of the closest possible unity of the Empire. Never was it more true than to-day that reciprocal measures in trade, defence and counsel between the States of the Empire are vital if our common philosophy of life and our common ideals are to survive.

We, therefore, urge afresh more vigorous measure of reciprocity and the definite application of our brains, our capital and all our driving force to develop the resources of the Empire and provide real opportunities for our surplus people to settle in the dominions overseas. When we look at the sum total of our constructive work in Empire building, we must indeed confess that for the British Empire this has been the age of missed opportunities. The country wants a great ideal and a constructive policy for which to work, and we submit that it lies in these directions, for by these means alone we provide employment for our people, strength and security for the Empire as a whole and the maintenance of that maritime power which is the foundation of our strength and the supreme link of Empire.

Lastly, we reiterate that whilst ready to do everything possible to promote friendship and understanding between all nations we are definitely of opinion that world agreement cannot be achieved by any branch of trust to these millions of people who live under our flag.

Dramatic Rescues From Sinking Ship

New York, Dec. 23. In a roaring gale and mountainous seas, the American freighter Schoedonk launched a lifeboat 600 miles south-east of New York at dawn in an effort to rescue 20 men and two women aboard the sinking Norwegian tanker Smaragd.—United Press.

Tokyo Ambassador Presents Credentials

Washington, Dec. 23. Mr. Kenseuke Horinouchi, Japanese Ambassador has presented his credentials to Mr. Franklin Roosevelt. He stated he would do his best to promote goodwill and further the interests of the two nations.—United Press.

THE VOLUNTEERS Corps Orders for The Coming Week LIST OF PARADES

Hongkong Volunteer Defence Corps orders by Lieut. Col. H. B. Rose, M.C., Commandant, Hongkong Volunteer Defence Corps, Friday, Dec. 23.

1. Blood Transfusion The Hon. Director of Medical Services proposes to build up a pool of blood donors whose service would be available if needed in the Colony. Volunteers are required. Full particulars of the scheme have been issued to Unit Commanders. All those willing to assist are requested to forward their names to their Unit Commanders as early as possible.

2. Mess Dress Winter Mess Dress will be taken into wear with effect from December 21.

3. Machine Gun Signals All ranks are reminded that rifles and box respirators must be returned to Headquarters before the end of the year.

4. Promotion and Appointment 1747 L/Cpl. T. R. Ingram, A. Car Section, to be Corporal 23.12.38. 2655 L/Cpl. R. E. Stott, No. 4 M.G. Coy., to be Col./Sgt. (C.Q.M.S.) 23.12.38.

5. Transfers Captain J. K. Bousfield, A. S. C. Coy., to Reserve of Officers, 23.12.38. 2973 Pte. T. B. M. Conolly, A. Car Sec., to Unit Reserve, 12.9.38. 2655 L/C. R. E. Stott, A. Car Sec., to No. 4 M. G. Coy., 16.12.38. 2788 Pte. H. D. Powis, Medical Section, to Unit Reserve, 16.12.38.

6. Leave 2580 L/C. W. R. K. Collins, M. M. G. Platoon, 16.11.38-30.11.38. 3027 Pte. J. R. Carr, M. M. G. Platoon, 21.11.38-29.11.38. 2141 Pte. J. F. Hickman, M. M. G. Platoon, 21.11.38-29.11.38. 2707 Signmn. H. F. Venables, M. G. Signals, 21.11.38-29.11.38. 1671 C.S.M. R. S. Meadows, M. G. Signals, 21.11.38-29.11.38. 2751 Signmn. S. Ha, M. G. Signals, 21.11.38-29.11.38. 2138 Signmn. C. K. Wong, M. G. Signals, 21.11.38-29.11.38. 2959 Signmn. L. Leung, M. G. Signals, 21.11.38-29.11.38. 2141 Signmn. H. Wan, M. G. Signals, 11.11.38-29.11.38. 3000 Signmn. Y. S. Fung, M. G. Signals, 21.11.38-29.11.38. 3000 Signmn. H. Y. Hsu, M. G. Signals, 21.11.38-29.11.38. 3000 Signmn. F. Chan, M. G. Signals, 11.11.38-29.11.38. 3000 Signmn. A. Cheung, M. G. Signals, 21.11.38-29.11.38. 3000 Signmn. A. Tam, M. G. Signals, 11.11.38-29.11.38.

7. Strength-Increase 237 Sgt. R. B. Brown, Pay Sec., 20.12.38.

8. Strength-Increase 25 Pte. G. A. Lemaev, M. M. G. Coy., 9.12.38.

LYCEUM THEATRE MAY BE SOLD

Negotiations are in progress. It is understood, for the sale of the Lyceum Theatre, one of the oldest theatres in London.

Shops and cafes on the site have received notice terminating their leases. No theatrical commitment has been accepted to follow the run of the Christmas pantomime—which will not be affected.

One of the executors of the late Frederick and Walter Melville, the famous brothers who owned the Lyceum for 30 years said.

"Statements as to the sale are unauthorised and made without consent of the executors." He declined to confirm or deny reports that the theatre had actually been sold.

The Lyceum, one of London's largest theatres, is associated with Henry Irving, who managed it from 1878 to 1898. His great success, "The Bells," was produced there, though not under his own management.

Meteor Falls In Stream

Ottawa, Ont. A flaming meteor, making a hissing sound like bacon frying and throwing off a stream of sparks as it dropped, fell near here during the night. The meteor was seen by many residents, but efforts to find it were futile.

3226 Spr. Yuen Siu Lou, R.O.D.C., Construction Section, 10.12.38. S. F. Heazlewood, Major, Adjutant, H. K. V. D. Corps.

NOTICES

1. Christmas Greetings The following message has been received from H. E. the G.O.C.:—"The G.O.C. wishes all ranks a Happy Christmas and Good Luck in the New Year."

2. Far East Trophy Match-H.K. Rifle Association The following members of the Corps have been selected to represent the Colony in the Far East Trophy Match:

S. R. (b) Team—Captain F. P. Sequeira. S. R. (a) Team—Pte. V. W. Hammond.

AFFILIATED UNIT Nursing Detachment, H.K.V.D. Corps

The next lecture on First Aid will be given by Professor L. T. Ride at the P.W.D. Offices on Friday, December 30, at 5.30 p.m. (Std.) Mrs. E. M. Begg, Commandant, Nursing Detachment, H.K.V.D.C.

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SMOG IS LONDON'S LOSS

YOU don't know the meaning of smog?

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It's short for smoke-fog, that menace that enshrouds London's statuary with thousands of pounds' worth of dirt every year.

"An ugly word, we agree," say the society. "But no uglier than the evil it describes."

A small word, too, but what a load of harm it means!

STILL MORE SOOT

The Office of Works, which is responsible for cleaning all the statues in the Crown lands of London — about half the total number — spent £3,212 on the job last year. This year, what with wage increases and dearer materials, it expects an even bigger bill.

Most of the owners tell the same story: "No matter how often we wash the statues down more soot comes — in fact, the more we clean our particular stone the more susceptible it becomes to dirt."

Take that charming Italian statuette of Kaled over the doorway of Messrs. G. Attenborough and Son's Jewellers and pawnbroker's shop at the corner of Fleet-street and Chancery-lane. A superb little piece of work; Americans stream into the shop every summer with tempting but unavailing offers; it has a fascinating little history.

But the face of Kaled is sadly black. The owners do their best to clean it, so far as its awkward position permits, but there's always plenty of new dirt in the air to replace the old.

PART OF LUDGATE

Do you know how the work came here? It belonged originally to George Attenborough, the firm's founder. He presented it to Alexandra Palace in 1875 for the exhibition, rescued it from the fire there, and when the shop was rebuilt in 1883 it was inserted in the wall.

Just a little farther along Fleet-street is the statue of Queen Elizabeth. She bears the date of 1888; she was once a part of Ludgate and now she adorns the church of St. Dunstan-in-the West.

You marvel at her comparatively clean condition in the ugly face of Smog. She cannot entirely evade him, but a thick coat of paint has helped to protect her.

We pass on to the Strand — to Harold Parker's two fine groups above the doorway of Australia House and to the figures of Justice, Truth, Security, and other great virtues over the offices of the United Kingdom Temperance and General Provident Institution.

First, the Australia House groups.

CLEANED WITH HOSE

They are 22 years old. They are cleaned often with a hose. But there are great streaks of smog from the heads to the feet. Australia House officials tell me it depends largely on the position in the street how often such statues need cleaning.

One of the figures over the east window of the institution offices is "Justice" — for a change she is sitting down to her weighing operations.

She is frequently cleaned. But look at the grime on her face. Her name should be "Black Justice."

Thief Rests Conscience

St. Catharines, Ont.

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4,400 Guineas For A Rembrandt

ONE of the outstanding events at the sale of Rufford Abbey pictures at Christie's recently was the keen competition for a luminous landscape by Salomon van Ruysdael, uncle of the better-known painter, Jacob.

Although the Dutch brothers Katz, of Dieren, fought hard and many others joined in, Mr. A. Draboy, of Gooden and Fox, staved them off at 4,000 guineas. This is a sale maximum for a Salomon van Ruysdael picture.

In 1929 a woman from New Zealand sent one to Christie's, and it realised 3,000 gns. Next, an Army officer tried his luck, and his picture brought 3,300 guineas.

Another striking feature was the determination of private bidders acting personally or through their agents. Indeed, a record of another sort was established by the formation of a private syndicate of competitors, who presented a bold front.

The leader of this spirited cohort asks me not to reveal his name. Under the sale alias of Thompson he won at 1,350 guineas the impressive Gainsborough scene at a ford and "bagged" many other lots.

Before this, Sir Alec Martin, representing a well-known English private collector, bought at 2,700 guineas the pair of atmospheric views of Rome by Canaletto, probably acquired for Rufford by Henry Savile when he was British Ambassador at Rome.

OPENING BID SURPRISE

Although the private syndicate struggled manfully to win the exquisite little woody landscape by Holbein, this gem fell at 3,500 guineas to the Katz brothers; but a private collector, Mr. R. L. Joseph, emerged victoriously at 1,600 guineas for the country house park scene by Jacob van Ruysdael.

As expected, the Rufford Abbey pictures attributed to Rembrandt evoked much speculative bidding. When the first of the series—a portrait of a girl at a window—was placed upon the easel the first response to the auctioneer's appeal was only 20 guineas. Then ding-dong arithmetic ensued, culminating in final call by the brothers Katz of 4,400 guineas. At 1,500 guineas they also took a portrait of Rembrandt's father.

The chief Lely portrait was one of Prince Rupert in Garter Robes at 270 guineas, and a small Velazquez head of an old man brought 420 guineas (Turner). It was a day of both great and trifling bidding. The total £31,183, added to the result of the sale on the spot in October and the day's dispersal of furniture, makes an aggregate of £66,000.



Dr. and Mrs. O. M. Potter's little sons enter into the festive spirit.—Ming Yuen.

SON SAYS 'I FIXED FATHER'S SUICIDE'

New York.

WHILE bespectacled, matronly Mrs. Marie Burckhalter faced a New York court recently on the bizarre charge of aiding and abetting her husband, Eugene, to commit suicide, her 20-years-old son Donald claimed that he also had taken part in the suicide preparations.

Mrs. Burckhalter said that she fixed a hose to a car exhaust pipe so that her husband could inhale carbon monoxide comfortably, gave him a cocktail of eggnog, tucked him up with newspapers, took a snapshot of him, and then went shopping while he slowly killed himself.

But Donald said later that this was not so, and insisted that he fixed the hose and made the suicide preparations for his father, who was "no good."

He declared that he was glad his father was dead and did not want his mother mixed up in the matter.

"He was insufferable, and a most egotistical man," Donald said. "He used to get crazy drunk and his business went to pieces."

"I wanted to kill him, but he killed himself. I just helped to fix things for him. It wasn't mother's fault. He made life hell."

Meanwhile the police hint that there may be a more serious charge

against Mrs. Burckhalter. After examining the eggnog glass, they describe the whole story of her actions as being gravely suspicious.

Ballot Errors Overlooked

Boise City, Ida.

Candidates with short, easy names which have to be written on the ballots will no longer have an advantage over those who have long, complicated names that are likely to get misspelled by the voter. Attorney General J. W. Taylor has ruled that misspelling of a candidate's name or the transposition of his initials do not invalidate the ballot so long as the voter's intentions, if not his spelling, is clear.

TWELVE INCHES LESS ROUND THE WAIST

Fat Man's Figure Now Becoming Normal

It is a mistaken idea that some people are doomed from birth to be fat and that nothing they can do will help them. Read how this typical fat man reduced his girth 12 inches.

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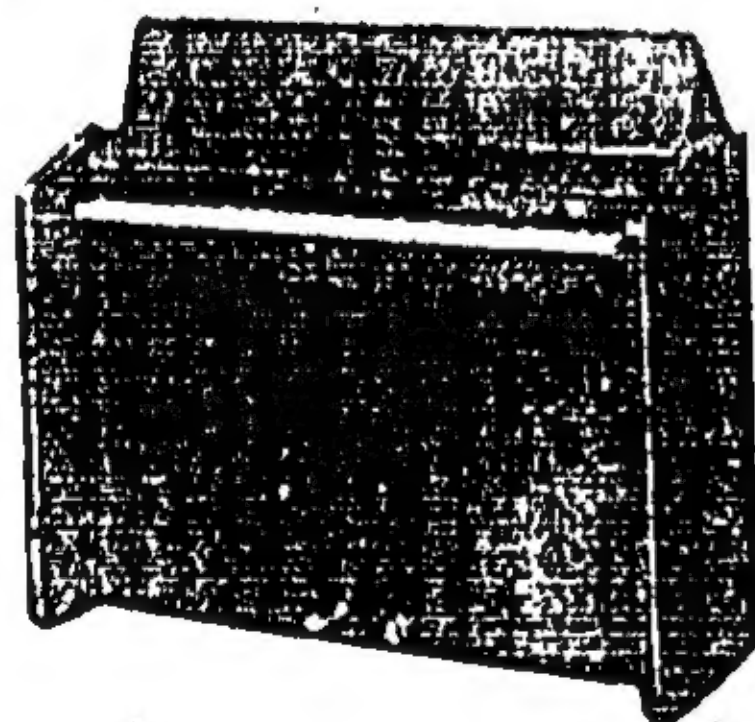
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Nativity

NEARLY two thousand years ago a beautiful Child was born, and laid by His mother in a manger because there was no room in the inn. Thirty years or so passed, most of them tell nothing of what He did.

Then the brief life passed on the hill of Golgotha. The Man with Dangerous Thoughts was hanged, along with two criminals on a wooden cross, in the fashion of executions in those days.

Not the least of the sorrow that Jesus felt was when He foresaw what men would do in His Name. Probably more blood has flowed in the Name of Jesus, the Gentile, than a dozen of the great killers of the world could claim. Alexander, Jenghiz Khan, Tamerlane, Napoleon—they did damage only when they lived. Mahomet was the cause of a very great deal of slaughter, both in his own time and afterwards. But the Christians have beaten all records in the record of their blood-letting. There has seldom been much call to urge Christian soldiers onward.

And as Christmas comes again with its old, old message of comfort and hope; and the beautiful legends that have grown up about the Nativity, of the cattle kneeling in the byre before the Prince of All Creatures, are told again, as the birds sing joyfully in heavenly choir on to-morrow's morn, as the bells ring in the greatest birthday in all the universe, this foolish, greedy, suspicious planet hears the deeper orchestra of cannon and of bombs. War rages in its newest dress of horror in both halves of the globe. Is it the prelude of a vaster tragedy?

Is there a hope that this cup of bitterness will pass from mankind?

Yes. There is hope. The forces of peace are strong; the vast mass of mankind knows about war—and hates it.

Most of our fears in this life prove to be only shadows. The shadows pass, and the sun shines again.

Two laws only Jesus laid down for the conduct of life. Love God. Love your neighbour as well as you love yourself. The cheating, lying, thieving, killing, the selfishness, meanness, cruelty, viciousness which distinguish our world would not be here if those two laws were obeyed.



They saw
the same star
rising ..

THE FIRST CHRISTMAS:

"WE SHALL FIND the Babe wrapped in swaddling clothes lying in a manger."

"And suddenly there was with the angels a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying, 'Gloria to God in the highest, and on earth peace, goodwill toward men.'"

CHRISTMAS, 1914 (quoted from "The Story of Christmas" by R. J. Campbell):

"ON CHRISTMAS EVE, 1914, I was on sentry-go in a frozen trench on the outskirts of 'No Man's Land'."

"An occasional bullet 'popped' past my ear, or landed itself in the parapet. From the north in the Tyne salient, came the usual rumble of artillery and the distant clatter of machine guns."

Towards midnight, from the German trenches arose the strains of a brass band playing carols.

Instantly all fire ceased on our sector while the Shepherds watched their flocks and 'Good King Wenceslas looked out'."

The music went on throughout the night, and at stand-to next morning came cries of 'Merry Christmas, Tommy' from the German trenches opposite and one or two venturesome heads began to show themselves.

"Half suspecting a trick, we kept under cover until some of the Germans climbed on to their parapets. They were warned to throw down their rifles; and as soon as they had done so, the two opposing armies rushed forward to meet with handshakes and Christmas greetings in 'No Man's Land'."

"Souvenirs were exchanged, tinned Christmas puddings for sausages, jam for sauerkraut; cigars and cigarettes changed hands. Photographs of wives, sweethearts and children were shown and politely admired."

"Then up spoke the genius who nearly stopped the war. He suggested that we should play the Germans at football in Armentieres on the following afternoon. The suggestion was received with as much enthusiasm by the Saxons as by our own men, and steps were taken to form the teams."

"That match was never played. If it had been, the war would have stopped on Boxing Day, 1914. But the man who suggested it ought to have a statue erected to him at the Wembley Stadium."

THE WAR that was to end war dragged on until November 11, 1918. But did it end war? War can never end!

What do we find to-day—Christmas, 1938?

We find Spain in the grips of ghastly Civil war—Germany persecuting the Jews—China and Japan warring the most terrible struggle for existence ever known.

Every nation is suspicious of his next door neighbour; all are feverishly arming for the next War. Can we hope that some 'genius' will suggest a truce in these battlefields this Christmas, and that the New Year will give us fresh hopes of a lasting peace? It seems too much to hope for unless we are all prepared to do something towards it now.

On October 10, 1934, the late Canon Dick Sheppard wrote a letter to the Press asking for the signatures of men and women who would subscribe to the words, 'I renounce War, and never again, directly or

indirectly, will I support or sanction another."

This marked the beginning of the Peace Pledge Union, for which cause Dick Sheppard devoted the last two years of his life, and which now numbers over 135,000 men and women.

It meant the creation of a new order of things—not 'Peace at any price,' but 'Love at all costs.' This new order involves peace together with Social Reforms, Economic reforms, Penal reforms, reforms in laws and health. The basis of these reforms is in the individual, for individuals make up Society. Each man or woman must do his or her best to help bring about this new order.

WHAT CAN WE DO in Hongkong? There is in the Colony a small body of men and women who have signed Dick Sheppard's Pledge, and who have, during the last year, been working quietly to help bring about this new order.

Reference has already been made in the Press to the National Petition which has been drawn up to be presented to His Majesty's Government asking for a World Conference to discuss methods of obtaining a lasting peace.

All who are genuinely seeking Peace, whether they are signatories to the Peace Pledge or not, have an opportunity to sign this Petition, and in that way, can help to further the cause of peace.

The Group in Hongkong has also recently taken over the administra-

by

**IRENE A.
SHORT**

Hon. Secretary, Hongkong Group of the
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No Man's Land,
Christmas 1914.
The "unofficial
truce."

ments will be having a Christmas dinner.

If every man and woman in the Colony would try, if possible, to help at least one person who is in distress to have a real happy Christmas, it would go a long way towards bringing about that better understanding amongst our Chinese brethren.

Much is being done, but much more could be done.

COULD WE ALL start this Christmas time and carry on throughout the year ahead, remembering that we are all brothers—whether we be black, yellow, white or red. When we have learnt, as Dick Sheppard did, that Love is the law of life, then we shall have learnt to live as Jesus Christ taught us to live, for

"In Christ there is no East or West

In Him no South or North,

But one great fellowship of Love

Throughout the whole wide earth."

**CHRISTMAS DAY WITH
THE (H.K.) NUDISTS**

Brrrr! The Bare Idea Makes Me
Shudder!

by

**GEOFFREY
SUCKLING**

I ALWAYS THOUGHT there was a close season for nudism, but it appears I am wrong. At any rate, the cold weather has no terrors for Hongkong nudists.

They have been taking advantage of the recent spell of sunshiny weather to make hay (speaking figuratively, of course) on the small island they have "annexed" off the Castle Peak Road, and they expect to continue their activities throughout the winter.

They will celebrate the Christmas festival in their birthday suits.

This information was imparted

to me by Mr. H. E. Lanepart, the indefatigable—indebatable is the right word—President of the local society.

Mr. Lanepart, it will be remembered, introduced the seed of in puris naturabilis to this Colony over six years ago, and it is only through his untiring efforts that it continues to bloom in a soil that one might imagine to be far from congenial for so exotic a plant.

GRIN AND BEAR IT By Lichty



"We have cause to be worried, gentlemen. The office force chipped in and hired an efficiency expert."

CURIOUS TO LEARN something of the cult that has established so firm a hold in Europe, I accepted with pleasure an invitation to attend one of the meetings held in the President's residence every Saturday between 7.30 and 9 p.m.

No formalities are necessary at these gatherings; anybody genuinely interested in nudism is assured of a welcome.

Accordingly, I presented myself at the meeting place at the appointed hour last Saturday, with some little trepidation. I must admit, at the thought of the possibility of being suddenly confronted with a room-full of naked people. Now to barge in on such a party, still clad in jacket and trousers, would, I imagined, cause far more embarrassment than if one turned up, say, at a funeral in fancy dress.

But my fears were soon put at rest when I found a normal bunch of people, fully clothed, sitting round a table on the verandah of the first floor.

Provided with a seat and endeavoring to comply with the President's injunctions to "get acquainted," I soon found myself cracking peanuts and sharing an orange with a charming young lady typist who was sitting next to me on my right, whilst, on my left, a member of His Majesty's Forces was poring over an album of photographs taken during some of the society's "outings."

HAD I BEEN expecting something of a strip-tease nature to occur, I would have been quickly disillusioned. (Continued on Page 6.)

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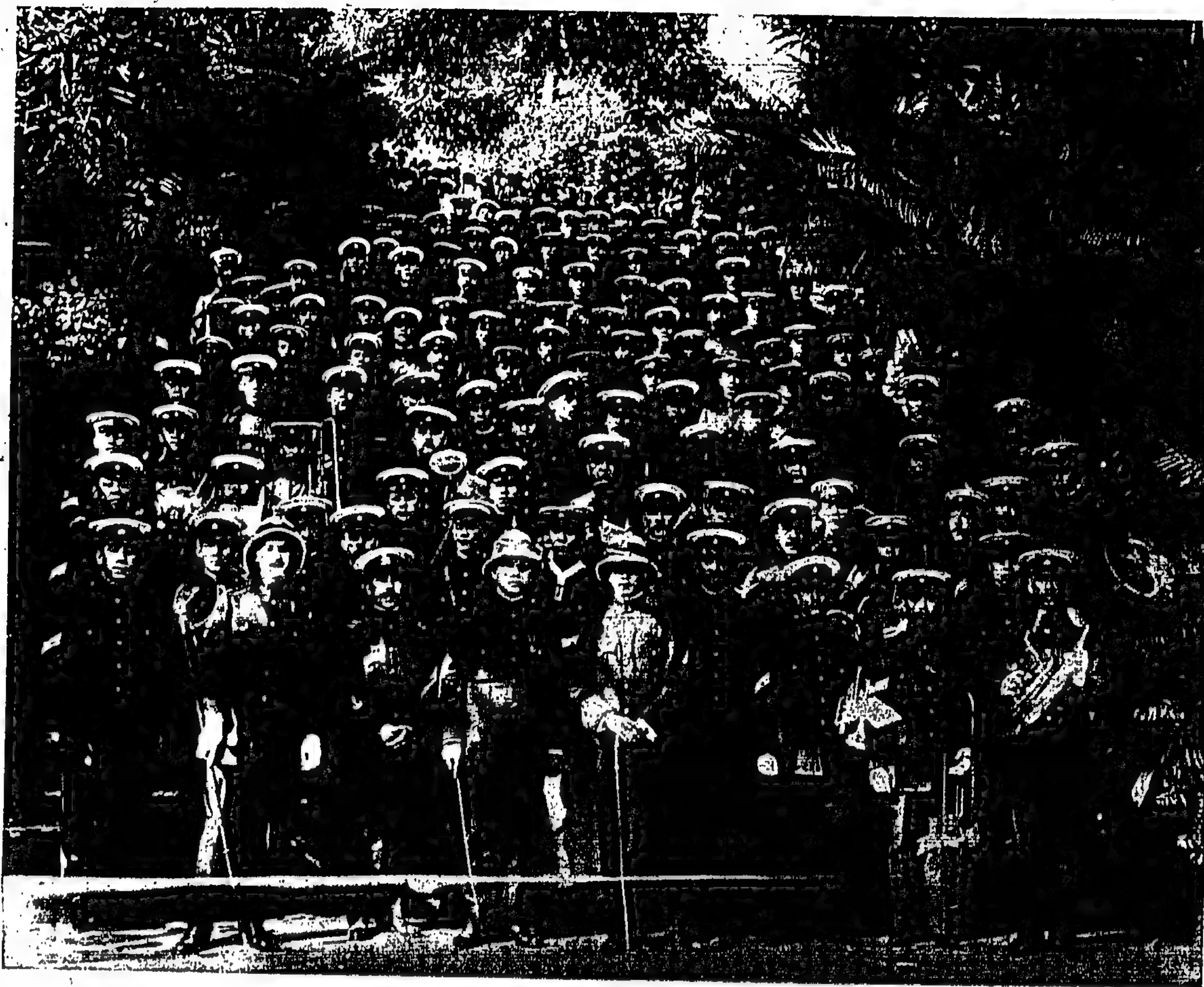
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Recent Events In Hongkong Illustrated



HONGKONG POLICE RESERVE. The calling up of the Police Reserve during the recent emergency period recalls this photograph of the Portuguese Company of the Hongkong Police Reserve which served during the Great War from 1914-1919, under the command of Chief Inspector D'Almada (third from left in the front row). In the centre of the front row, next to Mr. D'Almada, is Mr. E. D. C. Wolfe, late Inspector General of Police.



FAREWELL PARTY. Group photograph taken at the Ying King Hotel during the recent farewell party given to Mr. F. Petersen, manager of Messrs. Petersen & Co., by members of the staff. Mr. Petersen is seated in the centre.—
Ming Yuen.



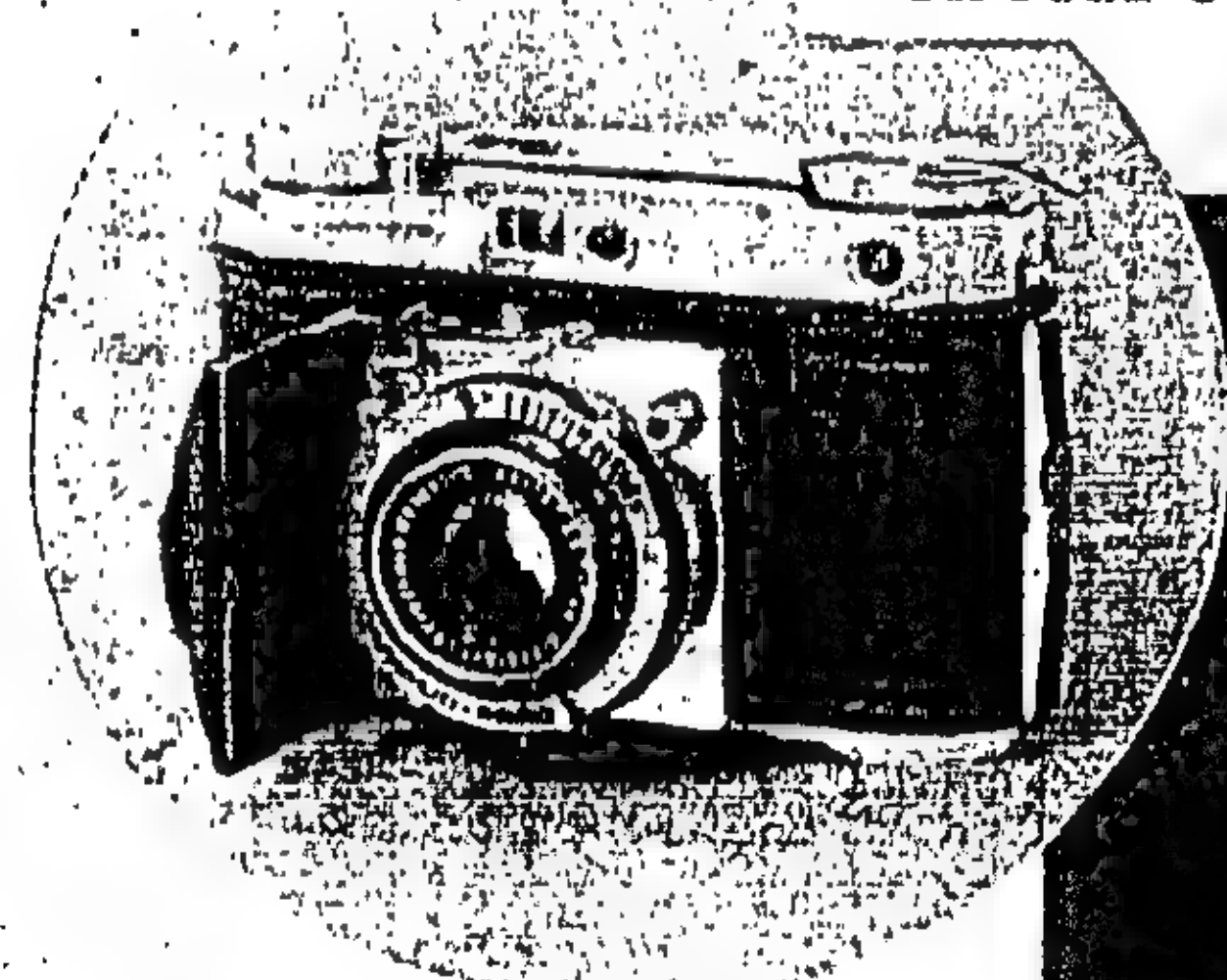
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Pictorial News.



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The "Hongkong Telegraph" Brains Test

Answers on Page Three

- What part of the world is called the:—
(a) Old Dominion (c) Down Under
(b) Empire State (d) Antipodes
- Spanish moss is a:—
Medicine
- Hypocritical piece of politeness
Form of moss hanging from trees
Island in the Caribbean
Cork
- With what inventions do you associate:—
(a) Volta (c) Watt
(b) Lillenthal (d) Gottlieb
(e) Edison (f) Daimler
(g) Pasteur
- In which plays of Shakespeare do these appear:—
(a) Quen (c) Mercutio
(b) Gertrude (d) Regan
(c) Lauchlot (e) Cleopatra
(f) Prince
- Which of these are States in the U.S.A.:—
North Carolina South Carolina
West Dakota West Virginia
South Virginia West Virginia
- The Territorial Army was started by:—
Kitchener Joseph
Roberts Chamberlain
Baden-Powell Lord Haldane
Garnet Wolseley
- One of these writers had a club foot:—
Dickens Shelley
Pope Tennison
Byron Arnold Bennett
- Georgia is part of the:—
British Empire Soviet Union
U.S.A. Australia
- Is it true that:—
(a) The Goths were once ruled by an English Queen
(b) Gladstone began his career as a Conservative, Disraeli as a Radical
(c) Ben Jonson wrote "Drink to me only with thine eyes."
(d) All British cavalry regiments have been mechanised
(e) The Old Bailey has been pulled down
- Which of these colours occur in the rainbow:—
Red Violet Black
Indigo Green Brown
- "What have ye to do with peace?" said:—
Mr. Gladstone Jehu, King
Dr. Bence of Israel
Blumarck Moses
Julius Caesar
- King Richard I. was found by his minister Blondel when he lay prisoner in:—
The Holy Land Flanders
France Austria
Turkey Scotland
- Complete the titles, Lord:—
(a) Howard of (d) Grey of
(b) Russell of (e) Kitchener of
(c) Montagu of (f) Nelson of
- Complete the quotations:—
(a) "I polished up that handle so carefully"
(b) "Here lies our Sovereign Lord the King"
(c) "Spare the rod"
(d) "When Britain first at Heaven's (f) John Gilpin was a citizen"
(e) Could you drive, in a:—
(a) Coracle (d) Blunderbus
(b) Drusky (e) Curricie
(c) Wimple (f) Ventricle
- Who killed Cock Robin?
The:—
Thrush Bull
Fly Jabbawock
Sparrow Spider
- Which of these lay in the Roman Empire:—
Prussia Scotland
Peralia France
Libya Spain
- "The rain it raineth every day" says:—
Shakespeare Goldsmith
Lewis Carroll Robert Burns
Mark Twain Carlyle
- Which of these can fly? A:—
Cormorant Widgeon
Laughing Tapt
Condor Jackass Turnpike
- Who wrote:—
(a) "War and Peace"
(b) "Economic Consequences of the Peace"
(c) "Robinson Crusoe"

The SNAPSHOT GUILD

CHRISTMAS DAY



Christmas snaps such as this one can tell the whole story of Christmas Day in pictures

CHRISTMAS Day dinner offers one of the year's best opportunities for a series of story-telling pictures. These pictures can be taken easily, with any kind of camera, and they will occupy a proud place in your snapshot album.

Most of the pictures will be indoor snapshots, and these are easy now. All the equipment you need is two or three large photo bulbs and some inexpensive cardboard reflectors. Screw the photo bulbs into bridge lamps, attach an extension cord so the lamps can be moved about easily, load your camera with a fast panchromatic film of the snap type—and you are all ready to fire away.

Don't limit the pictures to the dinner itself. There is much more to shoot. Start early. Get a picture of Mother with her basket, bringing in the Christmas groceries—or one of the store delivery boy bringing them in. Show the mixing of the Christmas cake—and after it is baked, take a picture as the icing is

put on. Snap the guests as they arrive. Catch a snapshot of the turkey as it is taken steaming from the oven, nested in golden-brown potatoes. These preparations make remarkably interesting pictures—so don't miss a detail!

At dinner, you will be pretty busy with food—but it's easy to take a few moments out now and then for a snapshot. Keep the camera at hand, and arrange your lights so they can be placed quickly and snapped on. You'll want a picture of the whole table, with everyone seated, just before dinner begins. Then there are individual shots—Billy admiring the turkey—Ann busy with an enormous "dramatic"—Uncle John cracking nuts.

You can easily see what a splendid story there is to tell—and there will be many more picture chances than those listed here. Better start making your plans, and let the family help make up a list of "must" snapshots. It will be fun for them as well as you.

John van Guilder.

- "Wealth of Nations"
- "Comingsby"
- "Essay Concerning Human Understanding."

Answers on Page 3

LADY CYNTHIA'S TIARA

THE coming-of-age of Lady Cynthia Fairbright, elder daughter of the Earl of Towcester, was a big event in the Shires. Preliminary details of the celebrations which had been planned—the garden party, the ball, the fireworks—occupied columns in the local papers, and did not pass unnoticed even in Fleet Street.

A splash in the *Daily Tribune*, with a picture of Lady Cynthia at the wheel of her Rolls Royce coupe, occupied the better part of a page. "Heiress comes of age," it was headed, with a subtitle in bold type, "£50,000 tiara."

DOMINICK LIGHTFEET, cat burglar, studied this item with his customary concentration as he toyed with his maternal kipper. His wife, Eleanor, who had finished her own breakfast—an apple—regarded him the while with amused detachment.

According to Mr. Culbertson, husband and wife seldom play well together at Bridge. In the cut burglary business successful partnerships are even rarer than at the card table.

Dominick and Eleanor Lightfeet were an outstanding exception to this rule. Eleanor was sure, from her husband's expression, that something interesting was in the wind, and she was ready to summon her own energies to his assistance as soon as she was called upon to do so.

Presently Dominick looked up from his paper. "Date, darling?" he said.

"I beg your pardon?" Eleanor smiled. "You've got the paper, dear," she said. "If you'll pass it over I'll tell you."

"Stupid of me," murmured Dominick; "the seventeenth, of course. That gives us, let me see, six days."

"Six days?" "In which to snaffle Lady Cynthia's birthday tiara," Dominick, who in politics called himself a Communist, sniffed superciliously as he pushed back his chair. "This is all I know about it so far."

"Among the hundreds of presents which will be on view at Fairbright Manor is the diamond tiara, valued at £50,000,"

which comes to Lady Cynthia from the Earl and Countess."

"Makes your mouth water, doesn't it?" he said. "I don't think. If we lift that tiara, we'll be popular with the public, and we'll be more than popular with the Press; and as for dear little Cynthia—who, you may say, will be disappointed at her tiara-ras disappearance—Countess Vanderpant can fork out another from the family collection."

"Grand," said Eleanor. "It ought to be fun, Nick." She began to clear the table. "You've left your kipper. Never mind, it's too cold for you to eat it now. You'll meet it again to-night in the form of a savoury."

"That," replied Nick, "is where you're wrong. We go down to Blackleigh on the 11.40 from Marylebone."

"I suppose," said Joshua Playfair to his sergeant, when, four days later, the news reached him that during the night the tiara had disappeared. "I suppose that this is the work of Nick and Eleanor."

"FAIRBRIGHT Manor was entered, I gather, through a window on the fourth floor—the only floor not fitted up with burglar alarms. Nick—who for the moment we'll assume it was—seems to have climbed up where you would have thought that no one could get a handhold: to have entered as I say, through this fourth-floor window; to have forced a couple of doors without making any noise; and to have abstracted the tiara almost from under the nose of a so-called private detective. The latter—so we're told—was 'on his rounds at the time.' I should think, judging by what the Earl tells me, that he was having a round or two of drinks!"

"And, meanwhile," said Dumbell, "the thief made good his escape."

"Precisely," said Playfair. "Leaving no fingerprints?"

"Don't make me laugh, Dumbell!"

"And no other trace of his presence?"

"Actually," said Playfair, "Mr. Lightfeet—false, for once, to his name—left a footprint in a flowerbed. So, at least, the local constabulary report. They've taken a cast of it and photographs; but, according to the superintendent, it won't help us much as the shoe's of a stock size and has no distinguishing characteristics."

"I should have thought," said Dumbell, "that Lightfeet climbed in rubber soles."

"So should I," said Playfair, "but he seems to go out of his way to annoy us."

LIGHTFEET'S theft of the tiara—for it was, of course, he, as Playfair conjectured, who had brought off this sensational coup—had been very carefully planned. He and Eleanor had spent a day making a preliminary reconnaissance; then Eleanor had returned to town to stage an alibi for her husband, while Dominick, single-handed, carried out the theft. He had anticipated, with singular accuracy, what the reactions of the Yard would be.

The manufacturing town of Blackleigh is about six miles from Fairbright Manor, and Dominick having abstracted the tiara some time between midnight and one o'clock, had returned to Blackleigh and spent some four hours at the Railway Hotel there before returning to town on the breakfast train. The Railway Hotel, with its two hundred and fifty bedrooms, is one of the largest in the Midlands; Lightfeet had argued that a stranger there—a stranger dressed as a commercial traveller and wearing glasses and a false moustache—would pass unnoticed in a crowd. Nor, indeed, did anyone at the hotel (until, later, certain inquiries were received from Playfair) connect him with the theft. He had even had the effrontery—when at six in the morning he rang for early tea and his shoes—to make a casual reference to the forthcoming celebrations at the Manor.

At half-past nine, having temporarily disposed of his booty, he reached his flat in

INSPECTOR PLAYFAIR

EPISODE 91

North Kensington to find, as he expected, that Playfair was already there. A wink and a murmured word or two from Eleanor as she opened the door to him told him all he needed to know. She had already, according to plan, informed the Inspector that they had spent the previous evening quietly together and that her husband had slept at home; their car, meanwhile—as Playfair had already discovered—had remained undisturbed in its garage.

Dominick greeted Playfair with just the right blend of off-handedness and hauteur. "What's gone wrong, now, Mr. Playfair?" he asked. "Somebody been pinching something? I should be sorry to think that the bungling efforts of some amateur had been attributed to me."

Playfair smiled. "I should hate to think of that happening. I understand, Mr. Lightfeet, that you've just been out for an early morning stroll?"

"Correct," said Dominick. "Having spent the night here in your flat."

"As you say."

"In that case, I need hardly trouble you with details. But I should just like, if I may, to inspect your shoes."

"With pleasure," answered Lightfeet. "I'll take them off for you, shall I?"

PLAYFAIR studied the shoes attentively. His original surmise had been right; there was nothing to identify their wearer as the thief who had left the footprint in the flowerbed.

Nevertheless, Dominick Lightfeet went back to the Yard with Playfair. The Inspector had arrested him on suspicion.

"Soul's awakening," had been his comment as his prisoner was marched off to a cell. "My apologies, Dumbell, I don't often descend to puns."

ON WHAT EVIDENCE HAD LIGHTFEET BEEN ARRESTED?

Solution on Page Three

PUZZLE CORNER

Cryptogram

This has to do with newspapers in general:

SREPANAROP NOR QOEN.
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SZ DZOYR YZFANONGHR
UZ UBRF UBRJ NOR AAXA
CU AHNUZOF GZZL NSV
DZOXF—NHII CS ZSR.

For Puzzlers to "Con."

Definitions are given below for words to be filled in reading across. In a few instances, the definitions cover compound words:

CON —
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- To take.
- Economical.
- To think over.
- Those who hide away.
- A reader.
- With "ice"—youngsters' delights.
- Colored signal lights.
- A dictionary of art.

Letter Juggling

Two different 7-letter words may be formed from the 7 letters given below. Use all 7 letters in each word:

— E E E D P T S

How Many of Each?

"A farmer planted 129 vegetables. He planted 3 times as many potatoes as onions; half as many radishes as onions and potatoes combined; half as many tomatoes as potatoes and radishes combined; and half as many beets as radishes and tomatoes combined. How many of each kind of vegetable did he plant?"

Fun With Antonyms

To-day, 10 words and their antonyms to be paired off:

1. Justin	blithe
2. gloom	complex
3. large	lowly
4. joyful	yielding
5. mouse	vital
6. peaceful	startled
7. capable	dejected
8. rash	abridged
9. solid	sudden
10. frailty	prudent

(Answers Appear On Page 3)

BRIDGE PROBLEM

This Week's Problem
BY "FINESSE"

♠ 9 5 5
♥ 5
♦ J 8 8
♣ K J 8 8

W N E S
W N E S
W N E S
W N E S

♠ 10 7 3
♥ 7
♦ 10 7 4
♣ 10

There are no trumps. South leads and North-South have to win seven of the nine tricks.

Solutions by first post Wednesday to: "Bridge Problem," Hongkong Telegraph, Wyndham Street.

SOLUTION OF PROBLEM 63

Against the best defence South can win nine tricks in this fashion: On West's lead of Jack of hearts, North wins with Queen, and the club three is led. East puts up the Queen, which is allowed to win. East switches to spades, and North's King wins. A small diamond from North forces East King. South also wins with club Ace, discarding North's small heart.

South leads a heart, and, with a finesse if necessary, North wins two more heart tricks, also wins with master spade, and with a small spade throws East in the lead. East takes his remaining spades, but eventually has to lead up diamonds, and North-South's Ace and ten both win—in all three hearts, three diamonds, two spades and one club—nine tricks.

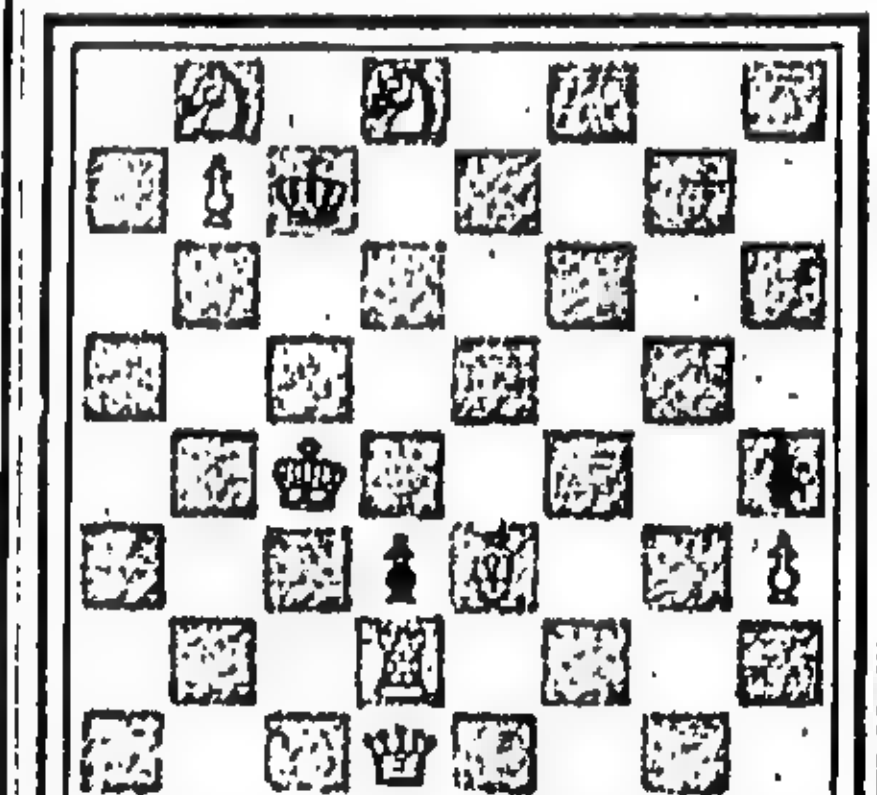
There is an intricate and tricky variation, curiously enough preferred by most solvers, wherein East's Jack is allowed to win the first lead of diamonds from North, and North's Ace of diamonds is later discarded on South's lead of club Ace, and West is thrown in the lead with the third club lead. Still later, after West has been cleared of spades, he is again forced into the lead with the heart deuce and must lead a diamond up to South's master, and a club accounts for the last trick.

PROBLEMS CHESS

Nos. 67-68

Problem No. 67

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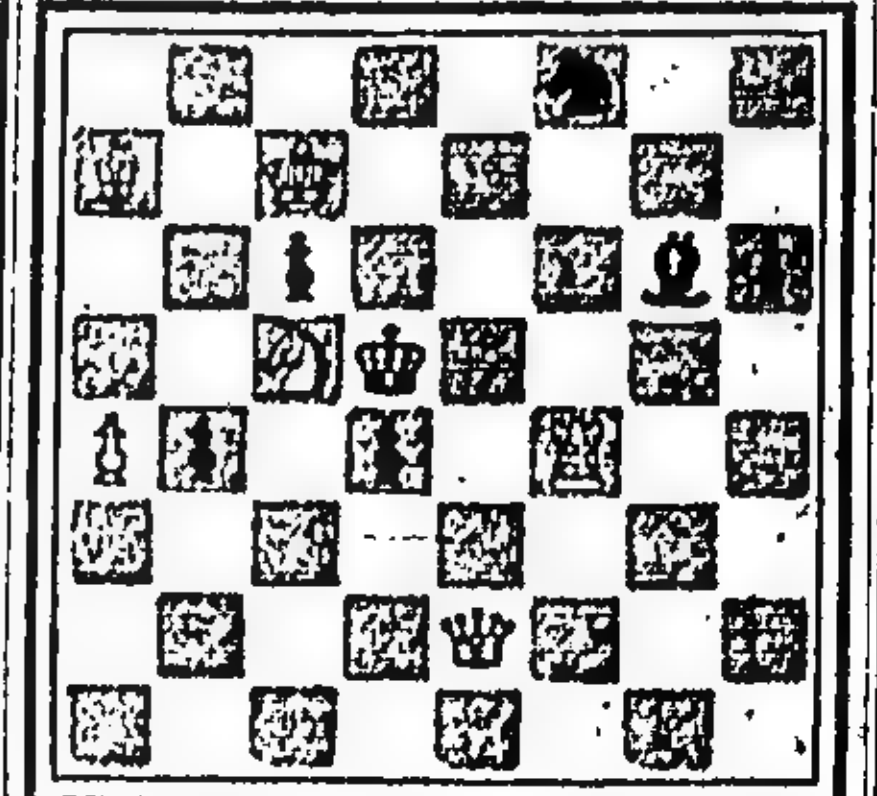


White 8 Pieces

White to play and mate in two.

Problem No. 68

Black 7 Pieces



White 8 Pieces

White to play and mate in three.

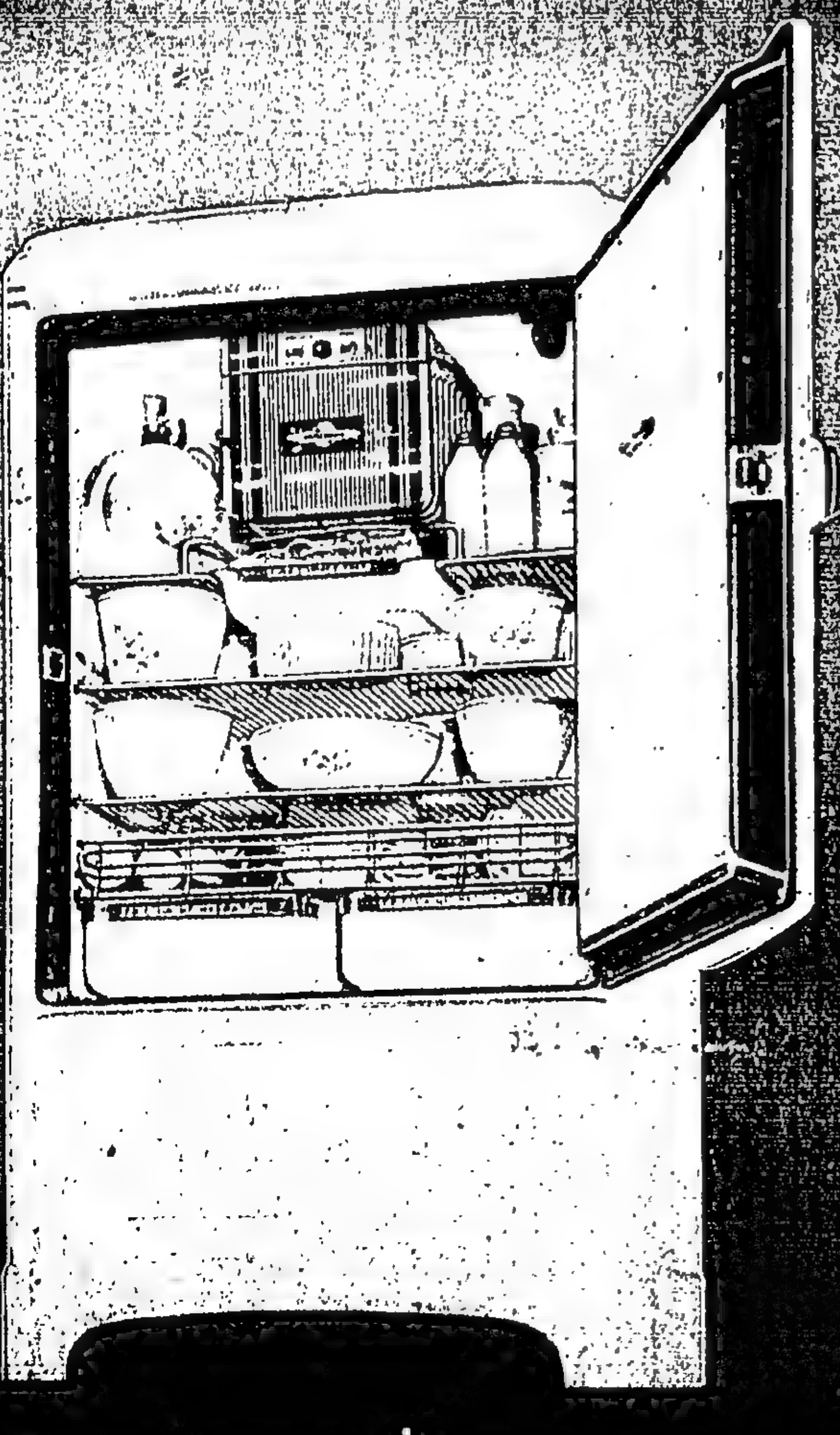
SOLUTIONS TO LAST WEEK'S PROBLEMS

Problems 65-66

- No. 65 Q-K BxQ
No. 66 1. Qh2 BxQ or Kt-Kt4
2. Bf3 Kt-Kt4
3. Bf3 Kt-Kt4
4. Kt-Q7 R-Kt1
5. QxR (Q3) R-Kt1
6. Kt-QP others



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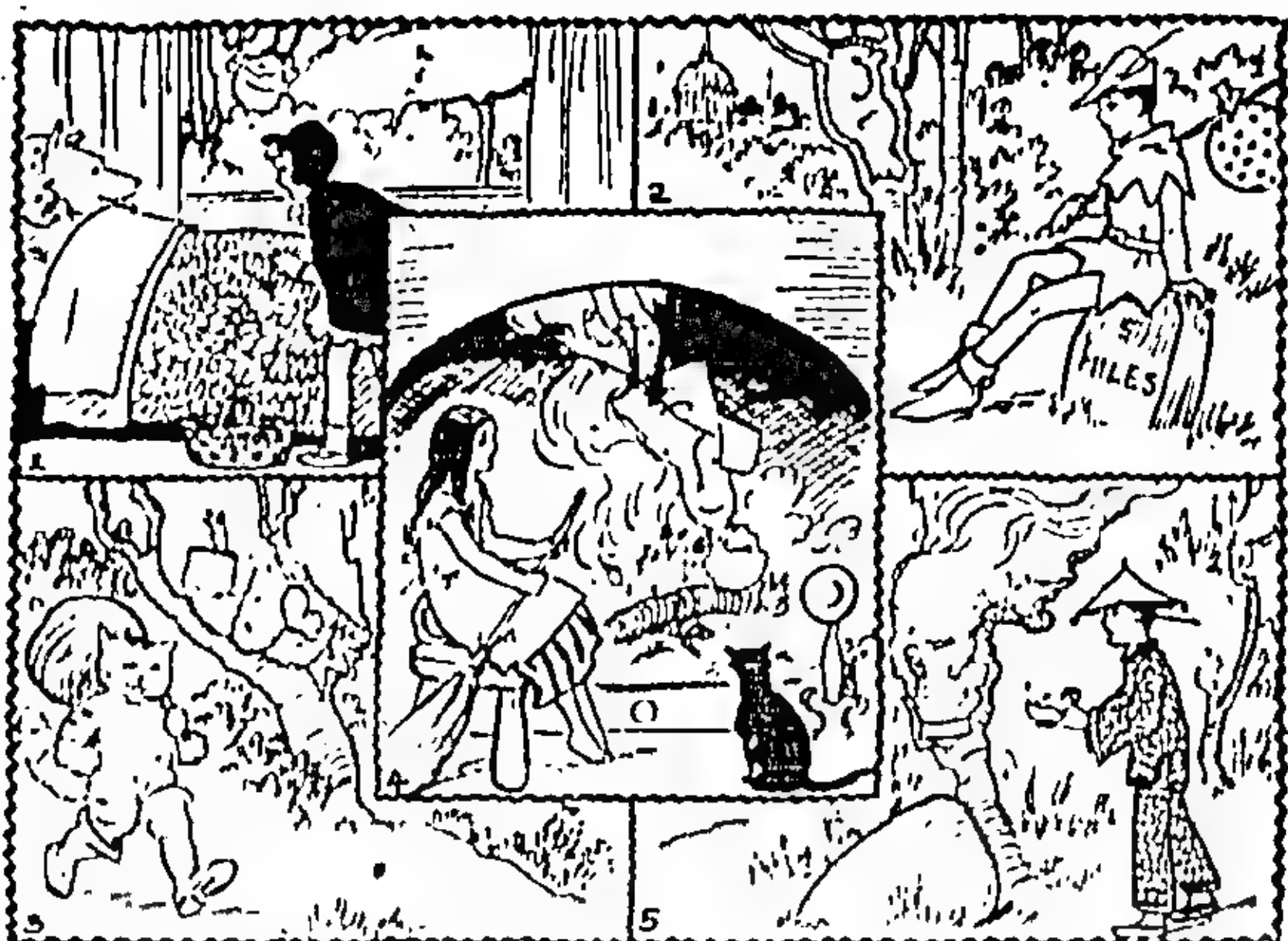


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Girls' and Boys' Corner



This is all my own work

Address _____
Name _____ Age _____

Dear Kiddies,
I am afraid last week's "Hidden Objects" competition was not very well done. Possibly it was my fault as I did not explain the competition in detail. The idea was to find the hidden objects, not to write out a list of things seen in the cave. Actually, there were only two hidden objects—two heads.

As promised, I am giving extra prizes this week, but only in the Senior and Intermediate divisions. There was only one correct Junior entry, so there can only be one prize. The prize-winners this week are:

Yuen Wai-chee (aged 13), 28, Wyndham Street.
Yung Kit-wa (aged 13), 18, Bonham Road.
Constantin Bonhoff (aged 9), 139, Argyle Street.
Anthony Cutcher (aged 7½), Hotel Metropole Annex.
Judy Price (aged 6), Cathay Hotel, 810, King's Road.

Coupons are being sent to the prize-winners which I want them to bring to the "Hongkong Telegraph" offices in Wyndham Street. The

coupons will then be exchanged for money prizes.
Stephen Mose: Thank you very much for the lovely Christmas card. It was very kind of you to think of sending me one.

This week, kiddies, we are going to have a pantomime picture puzzle. Pantomime time is here again and I am sure you will enjoy this puzzle. All you have to do is to study the pictures below and write the names of the five popular pantomime stories they illustrate. Look carefully at the pictures again and see if you can find the hidden characters in each. Write their names in the second column at the side of your first answers.

Be careful to add your name, age and address and post your entries to Uncle Eddie, c/o "Hongkong Telegraph," Wyndham Street. The competition closes at 2 p.m. on Wednesday.

Best of luck kiddies.

Uncle Eddie

IT IS MORE BLESSED TO GIVE THAN TO RECEIVE

I WATCHED a man and his wife choosing Christmas presents in a big store the other day.

They were both prosperous and well dressed; the man wore a silk handkerchief and a gold wrist watch, his wife ran to an expensive fur coat.

Yet when it came to choosing the presents the husband obviously wanted to save. "Wouldn't fifty cigarettes do for Kenneth," he said, "or we could send him the ashtray you won in the bridge tournament?"

"Well, perhaps fifty would be enough," said the wife.

So Kenneth got only fifty cigarettes. It was the same with the tobacco pouch they chose a moment later. The leather they picked on was nice, but hogskin would have cost only a little more.

Taking not Giving

PSYCHOLOGICALLY, I could see at once just what kind of people this man and woman were. They were the sort of people who go through life taking all the time rather than giving.

You can probably think up some one in your own circle who is always a taker rather than a giver. You will usually find that these takers have never really grown up in one way or another. They expect friends, even the whole world, to give them things just as their parents once did; they have never learned to stand on their own feet.

Yet all the time they realise that they ought not to be taking without giving. Their intelligence tells them that they are being weak; they have a subconscious feeling of guilt—a feeling that they are not pulling their weight in society.

To people of this kind Christmas is as good as an annual cure. At Christmas the takers have to give. And when they give they will get rid at the same time of the subconscious feeling of guilt and weakness which follows them round the rest of the year.

Too Kind

OVER-GENEROUS people, who are always giving presents, get peace of mind at Christmas, too. Psychologically, it is just as unsound to be always a giver as it is to be always a taker. People who are over-generous are

usually that way because they are affection starved. Giving presents is their way of buying love.

At Christmas time these people find that they can give as many presents as they like without embarrassing their friends; they find, too, that their affection is returned as at no other time of year.

Christmas gives every one a chance to adjust the balance between their giving and taking instincts.

It helps Them

MANY other types of people get a real psychological benefit from giving at Christmas. Now and then I travel with George

George is a sales manager for a firm. He finds it is a competitive market, he must never cease from securing his travellers on to bigger sales figures.

Sometimes he has the unpleasant job of getting rid of one. Now and then he must sign letters to customers threatening to sue them if they do not pay.

None of these are very pleasant tasks, and George himself is not particularly fond of doing them. But once he is in the office he puts on a stern face and settles down to business. He has already got himself a reputation for being "a tough guy who won't stand for any monkey business."

A Lay Sermon

GOD is faithful, and will never let you be tempted beyond your strength. If this is true, how does it happen that, none the less, so many who call themselves Christians fall into sin?

St. Paul's words were more than theory. They were proven able. Above that we were proven able.

1 Corinthians, x. 13. A man was tempted, he must have been. But in the very last of his writings known to us, the second letter to Timothy, his confidence is unshaken that God is able to keep, "I am persuaded," he says, which is the word of a man convinced by experience.

But note two things. God is able to keep that which we have committed to Him. Then, if we expect to be wholly kept, we must first of all be wholly committed. And He will not let us be tempted above our ability to resist. But we must use the means of resistance which He places at our disposal. His is not the unfaithfulness we, at times, find sin so alluring that, though crying maybe for God's help, we refuse to drink the Divine draught which would take our taste for sin away.

Puzzle Corner Answers

Cryptogram: Newspapers are great educators. There is no force comparable to them. They are pulp, platform, book and forum—all in one.

For Puzzlers to "Con." Consulate, economical, reconsider, absconders, book-conner, cream-comers, red-beacons, artlexicon.

Letter Juggling: Steeped, Deep-cast.

How Many of Each? 12 onions, 30 potatoes, 24 radishes, 30 tomatoes, 27 beets.

Fun With Antonyms: Majestic—lowly; glossy—tarnished; large—unbridled; joyful—dejected; morose—blithe; gradual—sudden; graphic—complex; rash—prudent; solid—yielding; fearless—timid.

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(Solution)
Lightfoot had spent the night in one of the largest hotels in the Midlands. He had omitted to notice that the number of his room was still chalked on the sole of his shoe. Inquiries at the hotel in Blackleigh—the only considerable hotel in the neighbourhood—produced unassailable evidence of his presence there.



Yet essentially George is a peaceful sort of person; he may push hard through the barrier to get a better seat on a train, but he is really quite fond of his fellow passengers.

Christmas is about the one time of the year he can show his friends and himself what a nice kind fellow he really is—how he would not cut down on the travellers' expense allowance if he did not have to; how he would be quite a philanthropist if he had his way.

Christmas really does George good; he never feels quite so happy as when his family open his presents on Christmas morning.

Suit their own Taste

HAVE you ever noticed that some people when they are buying presents choose things they would like themselves? I have known a middle-aged fisher give his brother, a keen gardener, books on fly tying.

Such people are eccentric, or self-centred. At the club they are club bors, at the office office bors, in the home they are house bors. Eccentrics have a great opportunity at Christmas of recovering mental balance by thinking of other people and what they would like for presents.

Santa Claus is Right

ONE more point: You may have thought that it is silly to dress up as Father Christmas, and that modern children do not want Father Christmas. Not a bit of it. There are perfectly sound psychological reasons why children will always clamour for Santa Claus.

The child knows that Mummy and Daddy are really quite ordinary people who sometimes feel cold, cross, and tired, who take away toys at bedtime, who say "No more cake, Mary."

But somewhere in the back of every child's mind is the vision of an ideal parent. A parent who is always giving, never taking away; some one who is rather like Daddy (but more benevolent), and wears flowing clothes something like Mummy, too.

The appearance of a live Santa Claus sets at rest a host of unrealised childish longings and helps to keep children happy and contented until the day comes when they can face life as it really is.

"Some people give presents they would like themselves."

Are You Sure? Answers

QUESTIONS ON PAGE TWO

1. (a) Virginia; (b) New York; (c) Australia; (d) New Zealand.

2. Form of moss hanging from trees.

3. (a) Electricity; (b) Gliding; (c) Telephone; (d) Cure for hydrophobia; (e) Steam engine; (f) Motor-cars.

4. (a) Hamlet; (b) Merchant of Venice; (c) Romeo and Juliet; (d) King Lear; (e) Antony and Cleopatra; (f) Midsummer Night's Dream.

5. North Carolina, South Carolina, West Virginia.

6. Lord Haldane.
7. Byron.
8. Soviet Union, and U.S.A.

9. (a) Yes, Elizabeth, Queen of Bohemia, 1618; (b) Yes; (c) Yes; (d) No; (e) No.

10. Red, violet, indigo, green.
11. Jehu King of Israel.
12. Austria.

13. (a) Ealingham; (b) Killowen; (c) Beaulieu; (d) Fallowden; (e) Kharitoun; (f) the Nile.

14. (a) That now I am the ruler of the Queen's Navee (b) He never said a foolish thing and never did a wise one; (c) And spoil the child; (d) Arose from out the azure main; (e) Were walking hand in hand; (f) Of credit and renown.

15. (a) No; (b) Yes; (c) No; (d) No; (e) Yes; (f) No.

16. Sparrow.
17. Libya, France, Spain.
18. Shakespeare (Epilogue to Twelfth Night).

19. Cormorant, laughing jackass, condor, widgeon.
20. (a) Tolstoy; (b) J. M. Keynes; (c) Daniel Defoe; (d) Adam Smith; (e) Disraeli; (f) Locke.



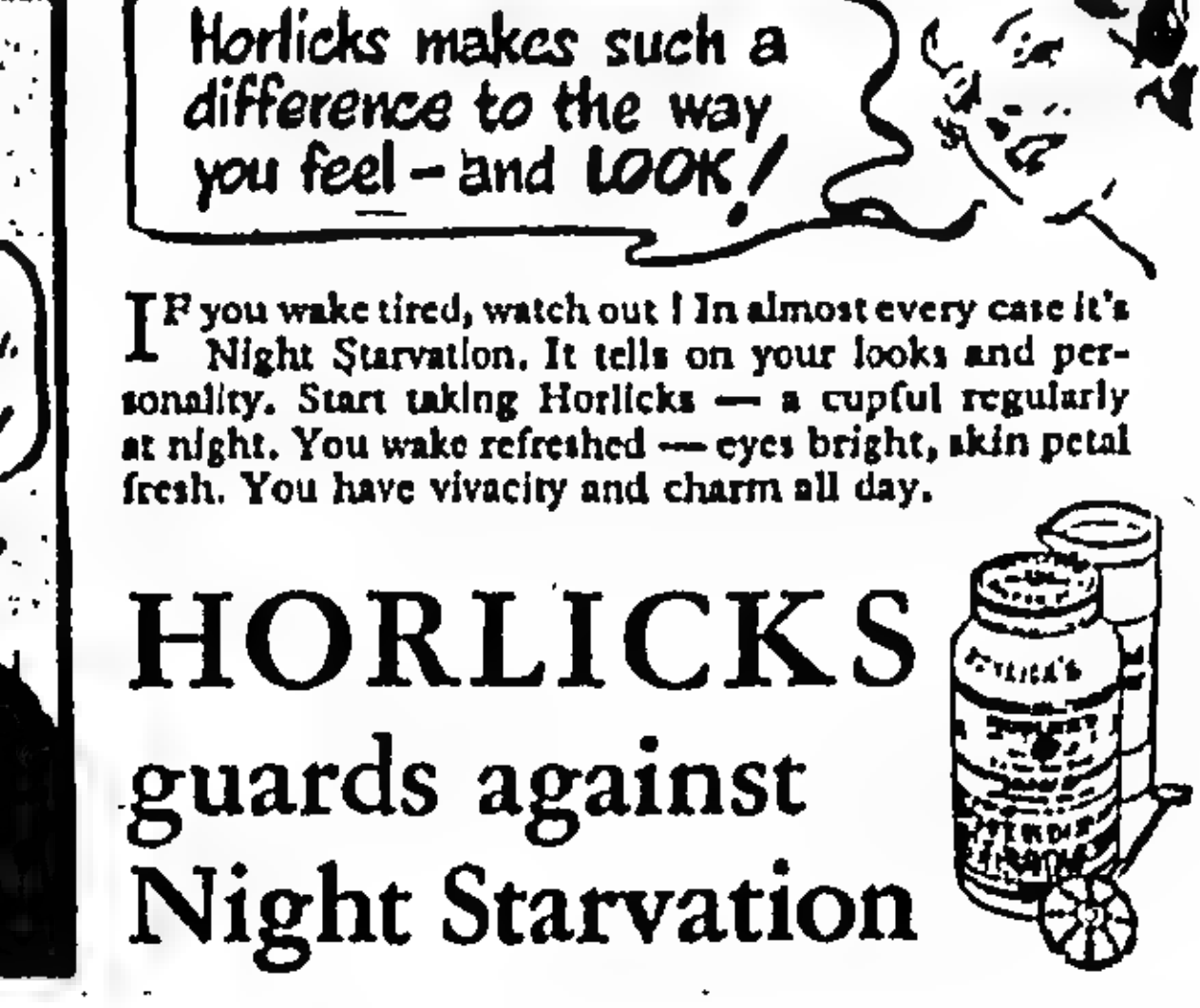
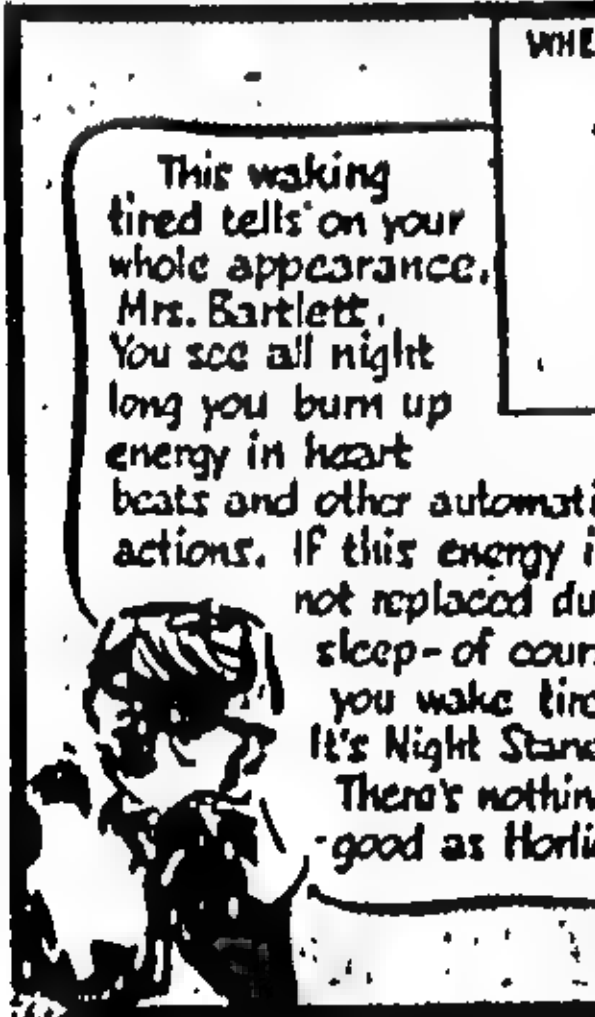
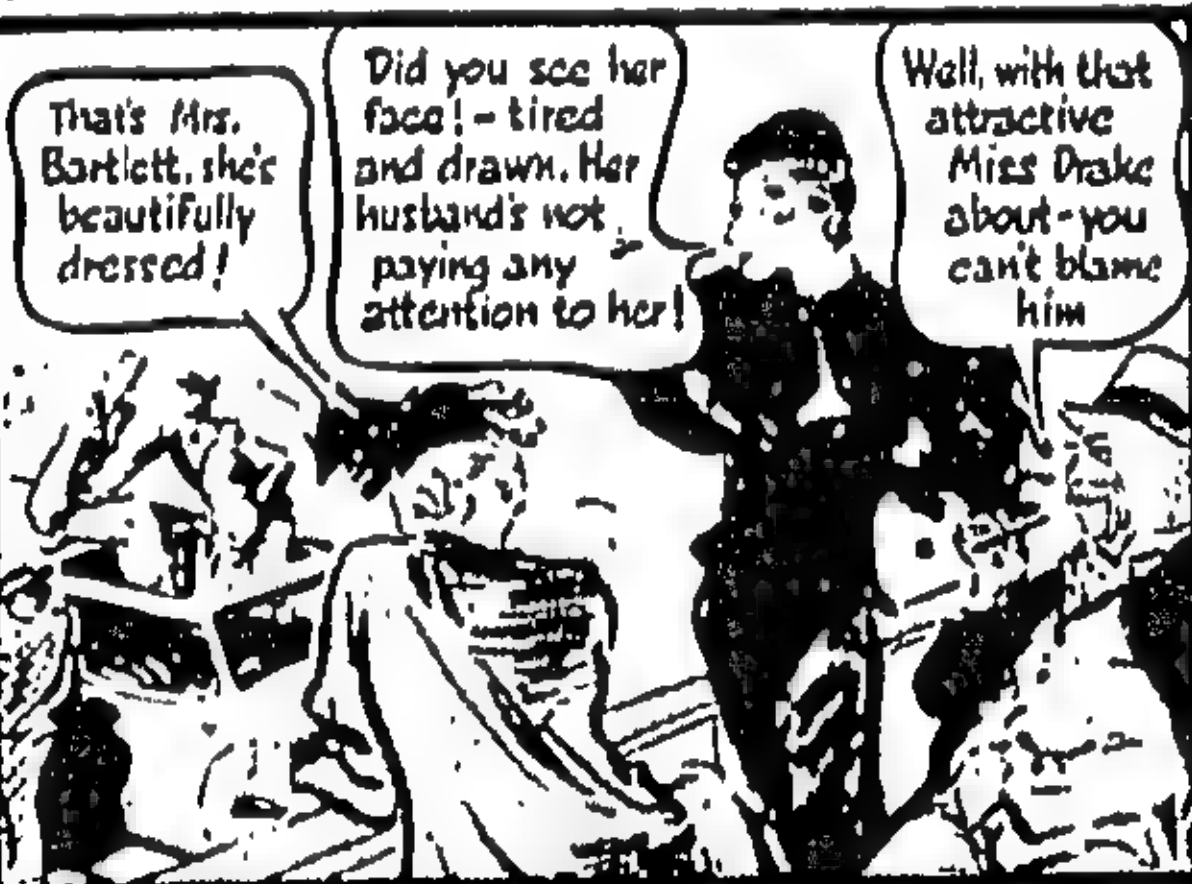
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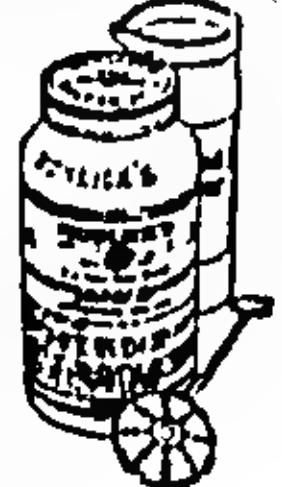
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Recent Christmas Party at Stanley



JOLLY GAMES. Mary Grace Asche, blind-fold, attempts to place a nut in the squirrel's mouth, whilst Hazel Merriman keeps an eye on the photographer.—*Ming Yuen.*



CHRISTMAS PARTY. A group of happy children who were given a Christmas party recently by Dr. and Mrs. G. Ingram Shaw at Stanley.—*Ming Yuen.*



CAUGHT BY THE CAMERA-MAN. Hazell Merriman and Elizabeth Oliver pose for the photographer at the recent Christmas Party at Stanley.—*Ming Yuen.*



BRIDAL PARTY. Group photograph taken after the recent wedding of Mr. D. F. Waller and Miss C. O. Elmslie at the Kowloon Union Church.—*King's Studio.*



SPORTS FOR KIDDIES. A group of children waiting between races at the recent Sports Day held by the Kowloon Bowling Green Club.—*Staff Photographer.*



CHRISTMAS SPORTS. A group of tiny tots lining up for a race at the recent Sports Day, held at the Kowloon Bowling Green Club.—*Staff Photographer.*



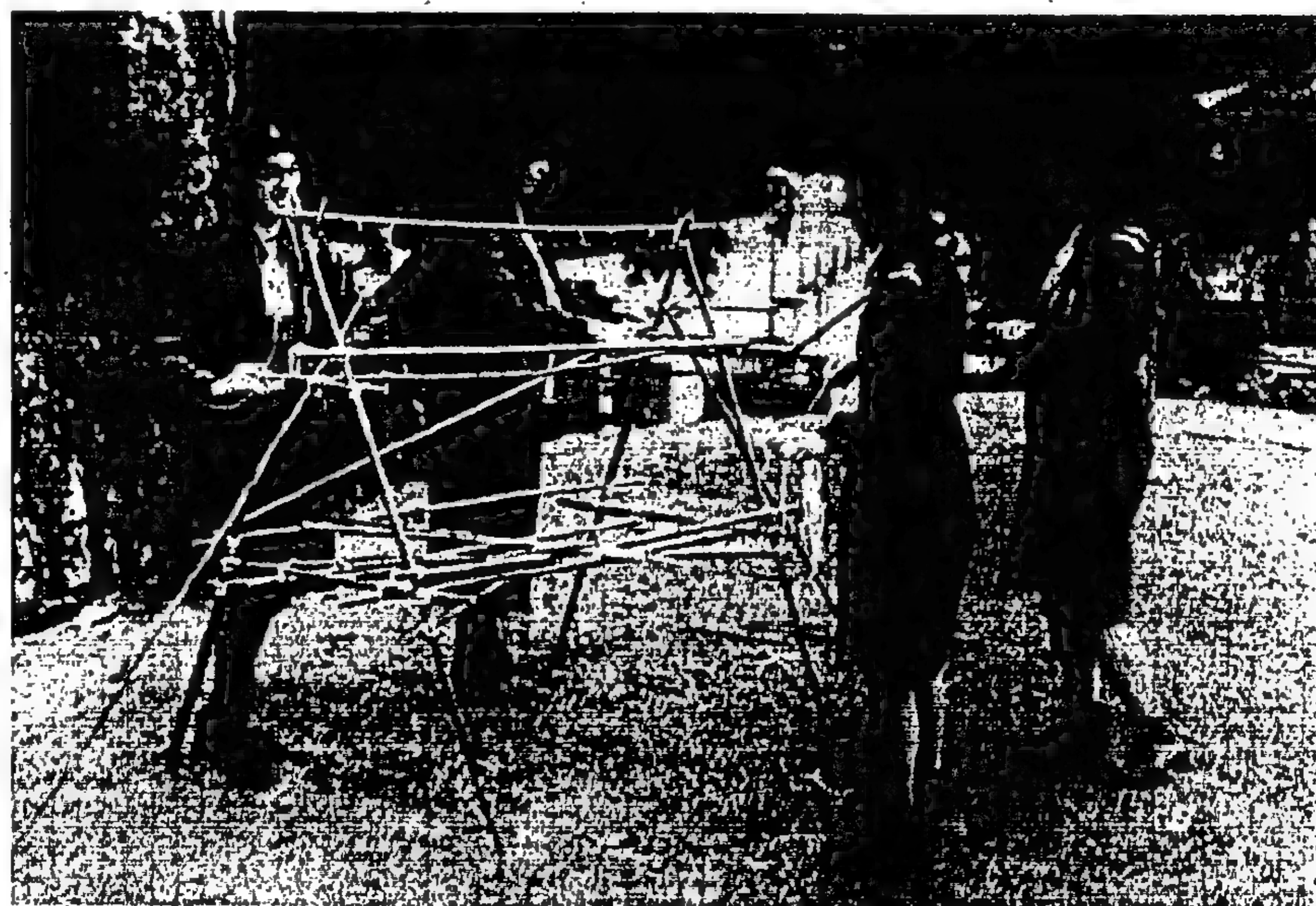
GIRL GUIDES COMPETITION. A group of guiders who took part in the recent banner competition.—*Ming Yuen.*



SKIPPING RACE. The older girls get ready for the skipping race at the Kowloon Bowling Green Club's sports.—*Staff Photographer.*

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Banquet for King Carol

THE QUEEN IN 15yd. CRINOLINE

WEARING one of the loveliest dresses ever seen at Buckingham Palace, the Queen, led by King Carol of Rumania, made her way, amid much admiration, to the big horseshoe table in the centre of the gold and white State Room for the recent State Banquet.

THE Queen chose the function to introduce the new crinoline fashion, but few of the 160 guests realised that the gown would be made on such a splendid scale.

Of silver-grey slipper satin, the skirt of her Pompadour dress, which measured about 15 yards round the hem, was decorated with bands of Valenciennes lace mounted on tulle. Over the lace was embroidered glittering paillettes and diamonds.

Hundred of tinted pearls embroidered the pointed corsage, which had an off-the-shoulder neckline finished with soft mauve satin and tiny sleeves. A shoulder cape to match added another graceful touch to the gown.

TIARA OF DIAMONDS

Her Majesty wore a tiara, necklace, and bracelets, all of magnificent diamonds.

The King, who wore the uniform of a British Field Marshal, seated at the Queen's right, arranged her to his left.

King Carol, the guest of honour, sat between the King and Queen, while Crown Prince Michael sat between the Queen and the Princess Royal.

Queen Mary wore a gown of pale dove-grey silk net embroidered all over with grooved silver paillettes, diamonds and silver crystals. Other members of the Royal Family present included the Duke and Duchess of Gloucester and the Duke and Duchess of Kent.

The Prime Minister and Mrs. Chamberlain, many Cabinet Ministers, and 15 foreign ambassadors were among the 160 guests.



Among the royal guests entertained by King Carol: T.R.H. the Duke and Duchess of Gloucester arriving.



The King and Queen as the guests of King Carol at the Rumanian Legation. Their Majesties arriving for the banquet.



Arriving for the banquet given by King Carol at the Rumanian Legation: T.R.H. the Duke and Duchess of Kent.



Queen Mary being greeted by General Mihail at the Legation: Her Majesty arriving for the banquet given by King Carol.

EMPIRE NEWS

Gen. Hertzog May Control Press

Johannesburg. Liberal opinion has been disturbed by some Government measures announced during the past few days. At Smithfield Gen. Hertzog, the Prime Minister, indicated that he is considering measures to control the Press, but he declined to give any details.

Gen. Hertzog also said that he had instructed members of the Cabinet not to appoint people to important posts within the bestowal of the Government, unless they could be trusted to carry out the Government's policy.

At the United Party Congress at Pietermaritzburg, Mr. Clark, Minister for Public Works, announced that the Government was considering measures to "reform" democracy and Parliament.

The Prime Minister, during an address at the Orange Free State Congress of the United party in Bloemfontein, acknowledged the part played by English-speaking people in assisting the Union of South Africa to secure national freedom.

"It must not be forgotten," he said, "that the ultimate realism of the ideal of national freedom would not have come about but for the co-operation and fraternal assistance of English-speaking people."

Longest Electric Railroad.—With the inauguration of the electric train service between Pretoria and the Rand, South Africa has the greatest electrified rail system of its kind in the Empire. The total length of electrified routes in the Union is now 1,040 miles.

INDIA

EXPERTS AT WORK ON DEFENCE

Bombay. Admiral of the Fleet Lord Chatfield's Expert Committee on Indian Defence, has been doing intensive work since its arrival in India, and hopes to present its report as early in the New Year as possible.

The Committee will visit the frontier, and will study at first-hand important problems such as mechanisation, aerial limitations, the need for special training, and major strategic possibilities in view of political tendencies.

It is significant that after they have considered the frontier problems, the members will, early next month, visit Calcutta, where air-raid precautions are being pushed actively forward. Here they will study the defence needs of the city and port in relation to international developments.

Other authorities are to be consulted about coastal defences, internal security, and finances, while a large number of non-officials will be interviewed to enable the committee to form an estimate of the future political and constitutional outlook.

OFFICER PROMOTIONS

New Delhi. It was announced recently that promotion of the King's commissioned officers in the Indian Army would be changed as follows:

2nd Lieutenant to be Lieutenant after 2½ years' commissioned service; Lieutenant to be captain after eight years' service; Captain to be major after 17 years' service.

The change is retrospective, and takes effect from Aug. 1 last.

NEW ZEALANDERS IN AUSTRALIA

Auckland. Statistics published here show that 52,362 New Zealanders are at present living in Australia, of these 27,037 are males and 25,325 females. A steady movement of New Zealanders to Australia is suspected.

1935: Maud Mason Wrote 'England Is Best Country'

1938: MAUD NEEDS NEW JOB

She is Still Saving For London Holiday

MAUD MASON, Front Page schoolgirl of 1935, who raised a parliamentary storm with her essay, "England is the best country in the world," thinks her own domestic crisis just now is more important.

Maud is seventeen and out of a job.

She returned to her home in Hampden-street, Manchester, recently and agreed with her mother that work in a laundry is bad for her health.

From the 21s. 6d. the laundry paid her Maud has saved three-pence a week for the return trip to London she has promised herself.

When she was thirteen, Maud lodged in the Strangers' Gallery of the House of Commons while M.P.s debated the right of a school inspector to say her essay on "My Native Land" was "old-fashioned Imperialism." She learned over to her mother and asked: "When can we go?"

Maud wanted to enjoy the shops and streets of London. For three years she has saved to return.

Her money-box marked "London" grew heavier during the year and a half she learned dressmaking.

SLUMPED

Then dressmaking slumped. Laundry work seemed better paid, and Maud took it.

But for weeks past the family doctor had said "Find something easier." Now she is at home to rest and look for an easier job. London looks a long way off.

Two life-sized dolls, gifts to Maud when she was last in London, are still her favourite souvenirs of the adventure—though they are now in the care of her two younger sisters.

A.R.P. PASS LIST

The Air Raid Precautions Officer announces that as a result of the Air Raid Warden Examination held on December 16 and 18, 1938, the undermentioned passed as Air Raid Wardens:

Mr. J. A. Bendall, Mrs. G. Steele-Perkins, Mr. A. Howard, Mr. W. Clark, Mr. G. Frost, Mr. L. Bones, Mr. H. W. Leyden.

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She Married And Did Not Know

A DANCING girl said in Liverpool Police Court recently that she did not realise that she had married a man until she was given the papers to sign.

She was Doris Marguerite Isaacs, aged 21, of Garston, Liverpool, accused of bigamously marrying Mr. Michael O'Grady, a school teacher.

Mr. T. A. Smith, prosecuting, said that while Isaacs was a member of a dancing troupe touring South Africa she met a motor salesman, Walter Isaacs, whom she married in Pietermaritzburg.

A month later the troupe returned to England and Isaacs resumed an acquaintanceship with a Liverpool school teacher, Mr. Michael O'Grady.

An understanding had been reached. They went through a form of marriage at St. Hugh's Church, Liverpool, on July 2.

"I WAS UNDER AGE"

Detective Edwards said that when he saw Isaacs on October 25 in the presence of her solicitor, she said: "Mr. Isaacs asked me to marry him about December 1937 in Johannesburg. I told him I would not, but would return after I had seen my people."

"I worked in Durban for a week and he came there. We were out one day and he asked me to go to this place. I did not realise at the time that I had married him until I got the papers to sign. I had told him I was under age, and he said I was to give my age as 22."

"I did not live with him as his wife, and I left Durban the same week and did not see him any more. On my return I was told that as I was under 21 and had not my

Non-Swimmer Tried To Save Child

AN unemployed man who cannot swim jumped into a backwater of the River Lea recently in an attempt to save a drowning child.

Often out of his depth, the man, Harry Wood, aged 41, of Blisdon Street, Stratford, was unable to reach the child.

Another man who could swim only a few strokes plunged in to assist Wood, and together they struggled ashore with the child, Phyllis Newman, aged three.

At Queen Mary's Hospital the girl was found to be dead. Her mother, Mrs. Annie Newman, aged 35, of Beck Street, West Ham, was found in a distressed condition further down the river.

She also was taken to hospital and after treatment was removed to West Ham police station.

parents' consent it had not been a proper marriage. The case was adjourned for an expert on South African law to be called.

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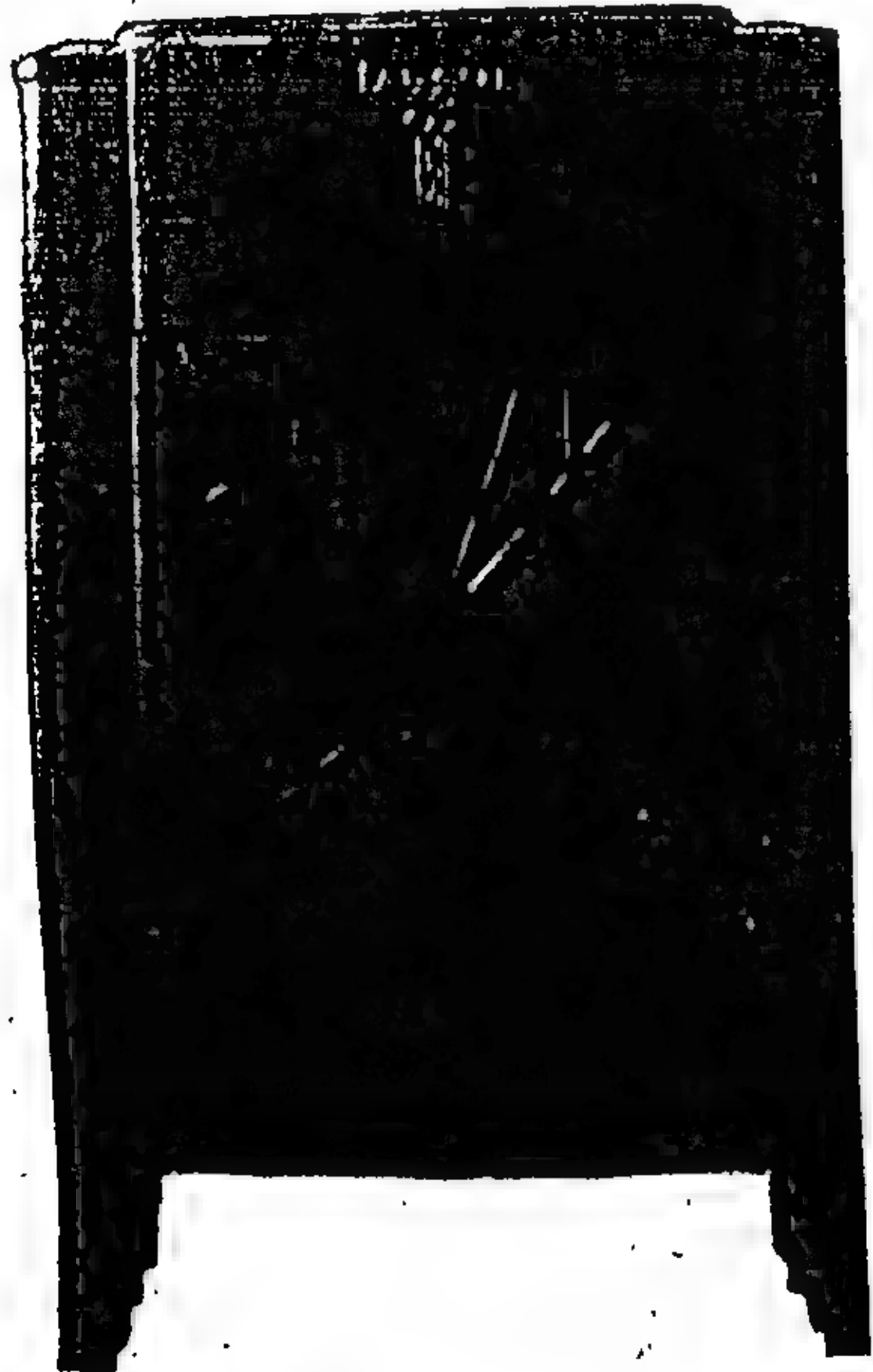
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Croydon To Pay Families Of Typhoid Victims

CROYDON CORPORATION may have to pay out many thousands of pounds following a High Court award of £100 recently to a schoolgirl taken ill during the typhoid epidemic a year ago.

The action was brought as a test case.

Linked with its success is the fate of about 200 writs issued by other residents who either caught the disease themselves or were penalised by the death of the family breadwinner or other relative.

Unless the corporation appeal, these claims may have to be settled on the same scale. And some of the victims were prominent and wealthy.

One of the forty-three who died was the ten-year-old son of a woman J.P., Hugh Rivers-Moore. Others were a former Vice-Chancellor of London University—Professor L. N. G. Fildes; Dr. James R. Hill; Mr. Edward Penny, a schoolmaster; and sixty-year-old Miss Ada West, an alderman's sister.

More than half the victims were women, from the early twenties to the early seventies. Altogether 310 people were attacked.

Fourteen days are allowed in which an appeal may be lodged. The town clerk will study next week Mr. Justice Stabile's judgment in the King's Bench and make his report to the councillors.

The case on which the question of liability was fought was that of Patricia Rosemary Read, aged fifteen.

Patricia's father, Mr. Alfred Read, is a coal company secretary of Croham Park-avenue, South Croydon. He was also awarded yesterday an agreed amount of out-of-pocket expenses incurred while the child was ill.

He said, "I am pleased at the thought that my success may bring some compensation to those poorer

than myself who could not afford to bring such an action."

Mr. Justice Stabile, in giving judgment, commended the corporation for not having adopted an obstructive attitude. They had, he said, made the fullest admissions of material facts.

He also approved their action when, immediately it was known there was an outbreak of typhoid, they made every effort to discover its origin and expose any weakness in the administration, "regardless of the consequences for persons who were or might be directly or indirectly responsible."

In finding them liable for damages Mr. Justice Stabile said: "It is not my duty to place responsibility on individuals, but, prima facie, the responsibility must rest on the water committee, to whom was entrusted the general superintendence of that important public service."

At the time of the outbreak the chairman of this committee was Alderman T. W. Wood Roberts, a solicitor, who has since resigned. The vice-chairman, Councillor A. H. Harding, also a solicitor, has since been appointed chairman of a newly-constituted water committee, which has full powers over the water department.

KNEW OF RISK

The old committee comprised fourteen other members, among whom were Alderman T. Betteridge, Alderman A. Jackson, a boot and shoe dealer, Councillor Still, a farmer, Councillor E. W. Turner, a motor haulage contractor, Alderman Mrs. Besse Roberts, proprietor of a chemist's store, Councillor Mrs. Dale, housewife, Councillor H. G. Lumsden, builder and contractor, and Councillor E. S. More, an official in a City shipping office.

Mr. Justice Stabile said the infection that caused Patricia's illness

was present in Addington Well some time during October 1937. The corporation knew there was a risk from that source, and certain precautions were taken.

Chlorination had begun there in July 1936, but it was used as a remedy for an existing evil rather than as a preventive of potential danger.

One striking example of the laxity with which the question was treated was shown by a memorandum of the chief water assistant in November 1936 to his subordinate, directing him to increase the rate of chlorination until further notice as a result of an analysis.

This had, apparently, only come to the notice of the responsible officer a fortnight after it had been made. That breakdown seemed to have escaped the criticism and, indeed, the observation, of the committee.

At the end of April 1937, the practice of taking analyses at the well was abandoned. The evidence showed it was dropped by a mere oversight.

'DISQUIETING'

The most disquieting feature of all was that on September 17, 1937, a week before work in the well was begun, the practice of filtering and chlorinating was entirely abandoned, although the presence of the workmen demanded rather a tightening up of the precautions normally taken.

"In my judgment," said Mr. Justice Stabile, "negligence has been conclusively established."

From July 1936, when the chlorinating plant first came into use, the extent to which that precaution was enforced was inadequate, ill-considered, and inadequate, and the decision at the moment of greatest peril—when the water was being put into supply while men were working in the well—to omit the customary precautions of filtrations and chlorination was inexcusable.

No evidence had been given to indicate that any member of the water committee made any inquiry, or took any step whatever to formulate any established policy in connection with chlorination, or to set up machinery to put that policy into effect, or to provide a proper system of supervision and inspection of secure that any policy adopted was being efficiently, regularly, and systematically carried out.



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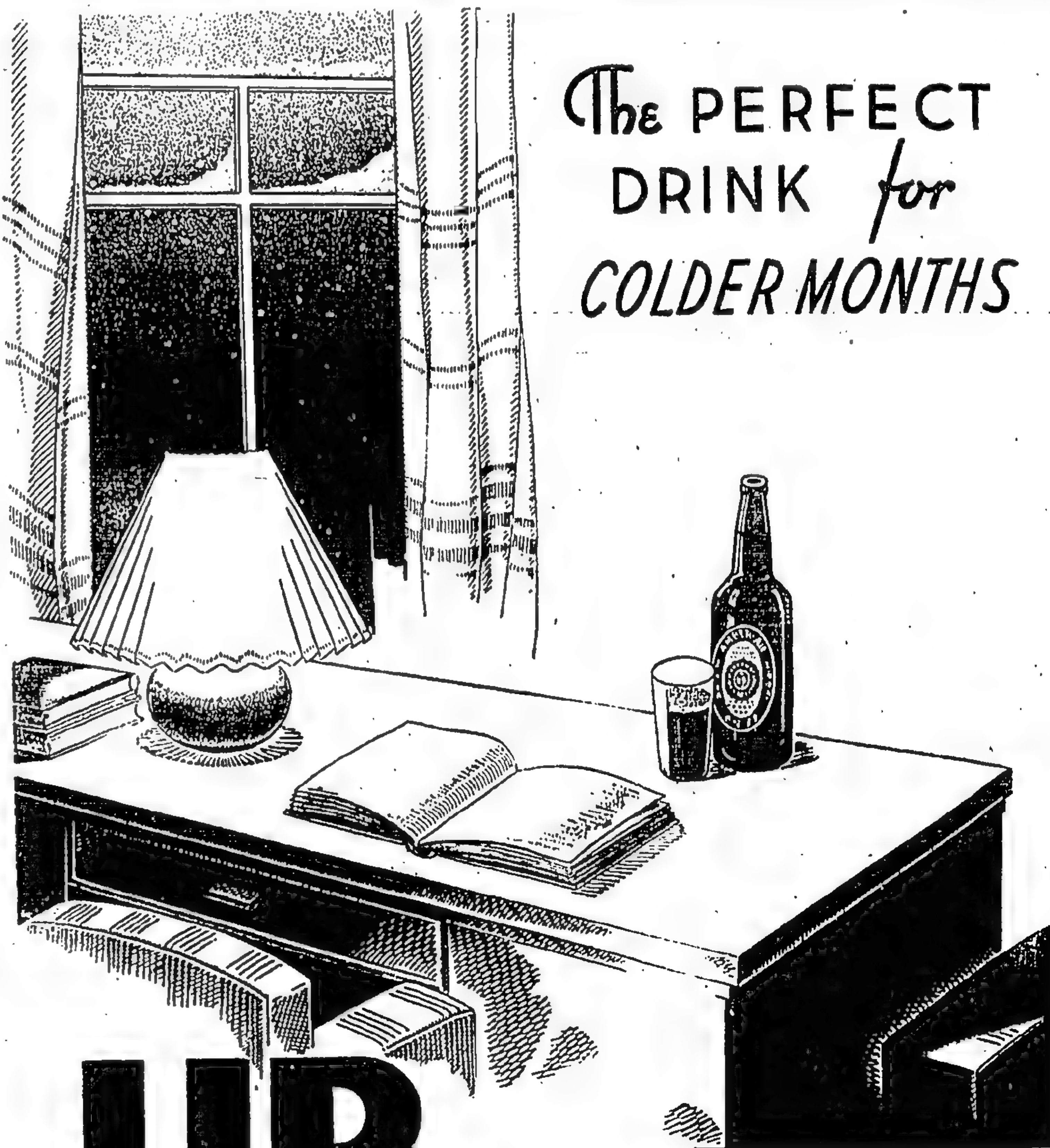
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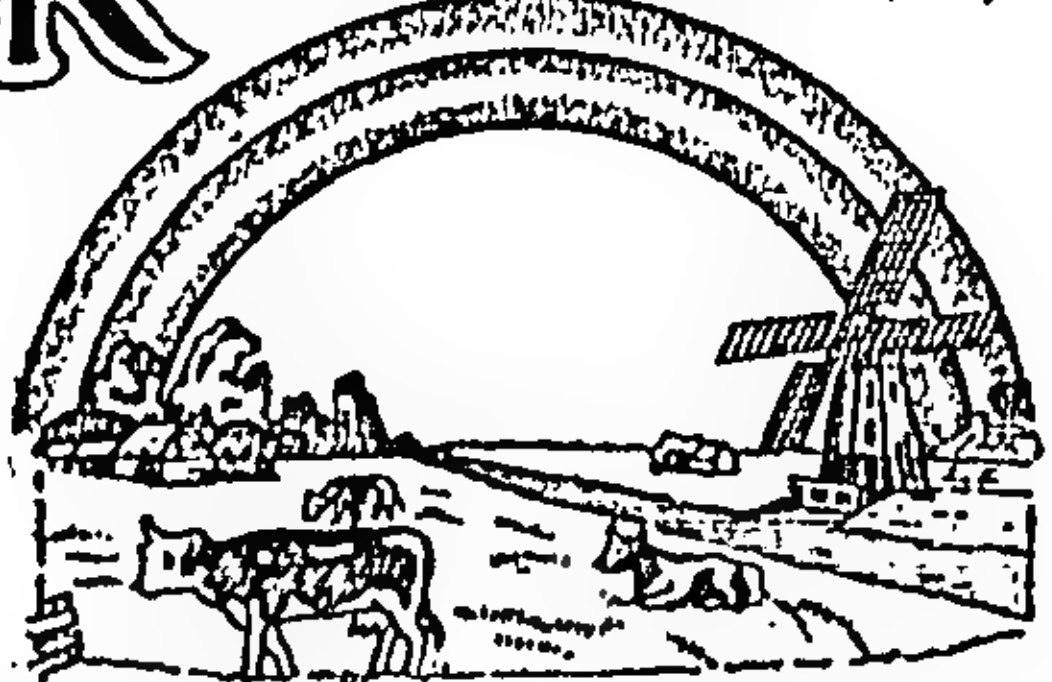
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Seaside Landladies Are Hostesses Now

New Brighton, Cheshire.
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The conference of the British Federation of Hotel and Apartment Associations began at New Brighton recently and there was found her modern hostess prototype.

"COSIER THAN HOTELS"

Dark-haired, young-looking Mrs. F. Isherwood, of Southport, who smoked an expensive cigarette, said:

"The traditional type of seaside landlady is dead. To-day we are educated women with the job of running one of the biggest industries in the country."

Said plump, jolly-faced Mrs. M. Mills, of Morecambe:

"The younger element is coming into our job nowadays, well-educated men and women who can organise are taking it over."

"In the old days an apartment house was only a shelter; now it is as good as the best hotel—and cosier we claim."

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SEA VIEW GUARANTEE

Even the old problem of the "sea view" has been attended to by modern landladies.

Elderly, stately-looking Mrs. M. Howard, of Southport, said:

"In the old days there might have been a little polite evasion over whether the sea could be seen from bedroom windows," she said, "but that does not happen to-day. If the room does not overlook the sea, we don't say it does."

Even now that winter is here these landladies do not relax. A short holiday and they begin revamping their houses for the next season.

The Federation talked for hours on a variety of subjects. They were annoyed because people went abroad; because of the competition from holiday camps; because of a shortage of staff; because of the high wages domestic servants demand; and because of the poor season they had all "enjoyed" this year.



His Excellency the Governor presenting a banner to the instructor of the first winning school, the Lin Nan School, Hongkong at the recent Physical Drill display.—A. A. Kahn.

Girl, 15, Weds Father Of Five

A girl of fifteen gave her age as twenty to a widower with five children, and married him. At Glasgow Sheriff Court recently she admitted contravening the Marriage (Scotland)

Act. Judgment was postponed.

The prosecution stated that the girl, now sixteen, disappeared from Ireland eighteen months ago and came to Scotland. Last August she visited her parents and told them she was married.

She went through the marriage ceremony with the widower last March. Later her true age was discovered. Sheriff MacDonald said there was no good in sending the girl to prison. They should try to redeem her. He would get a probation officer's report.

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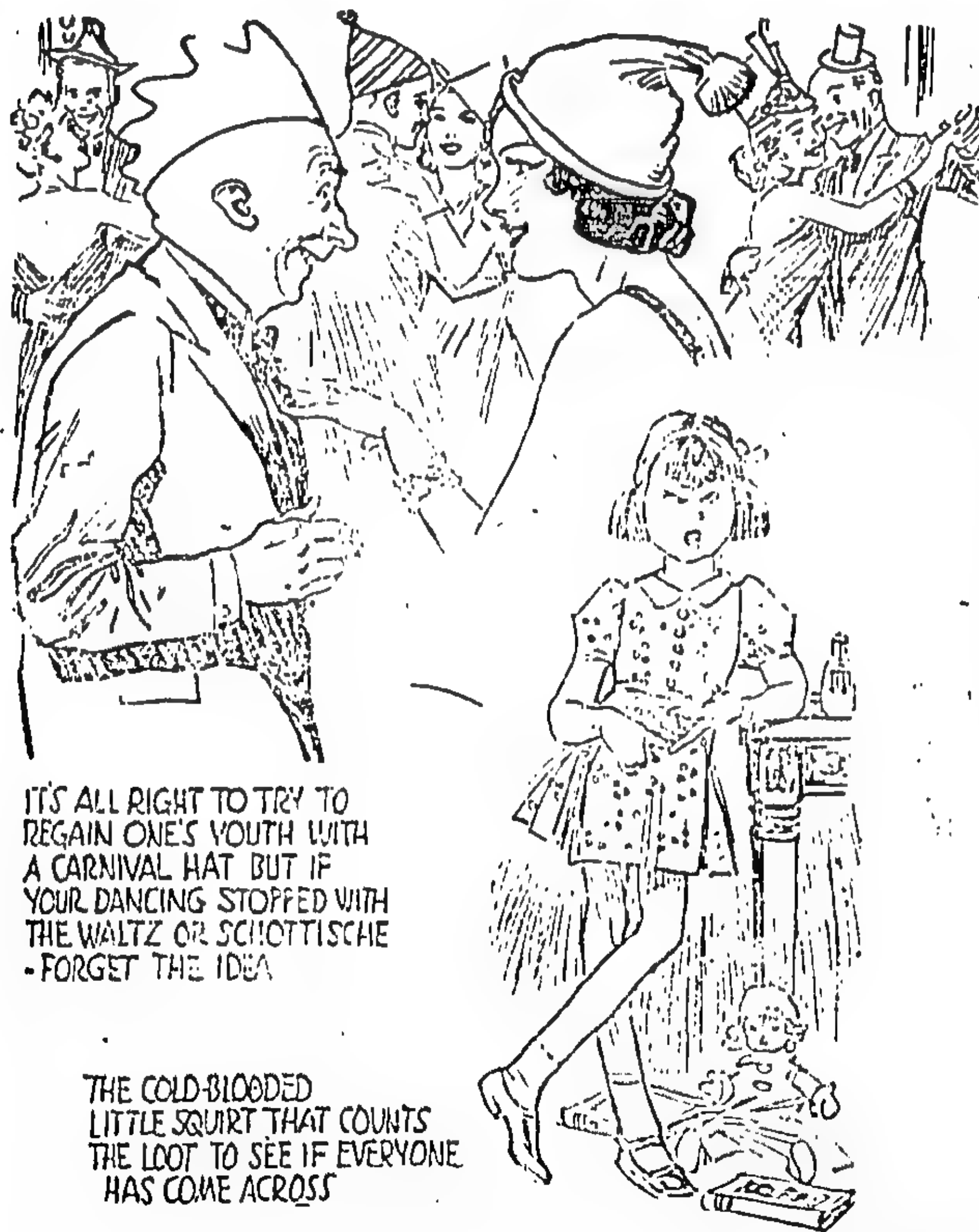
Romance Flees Cleveland

Cleveland, O.
 Frank Zizelman, marriage licence clerk, can't understand what is wrong with Dan Cupid. "I don't know what it could be," he said. "Only 11 licences one day, whereas in June our average was 80 a day. It might be the weather, or else cupid is on a siddown strike."

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By J. NORMAN LYND

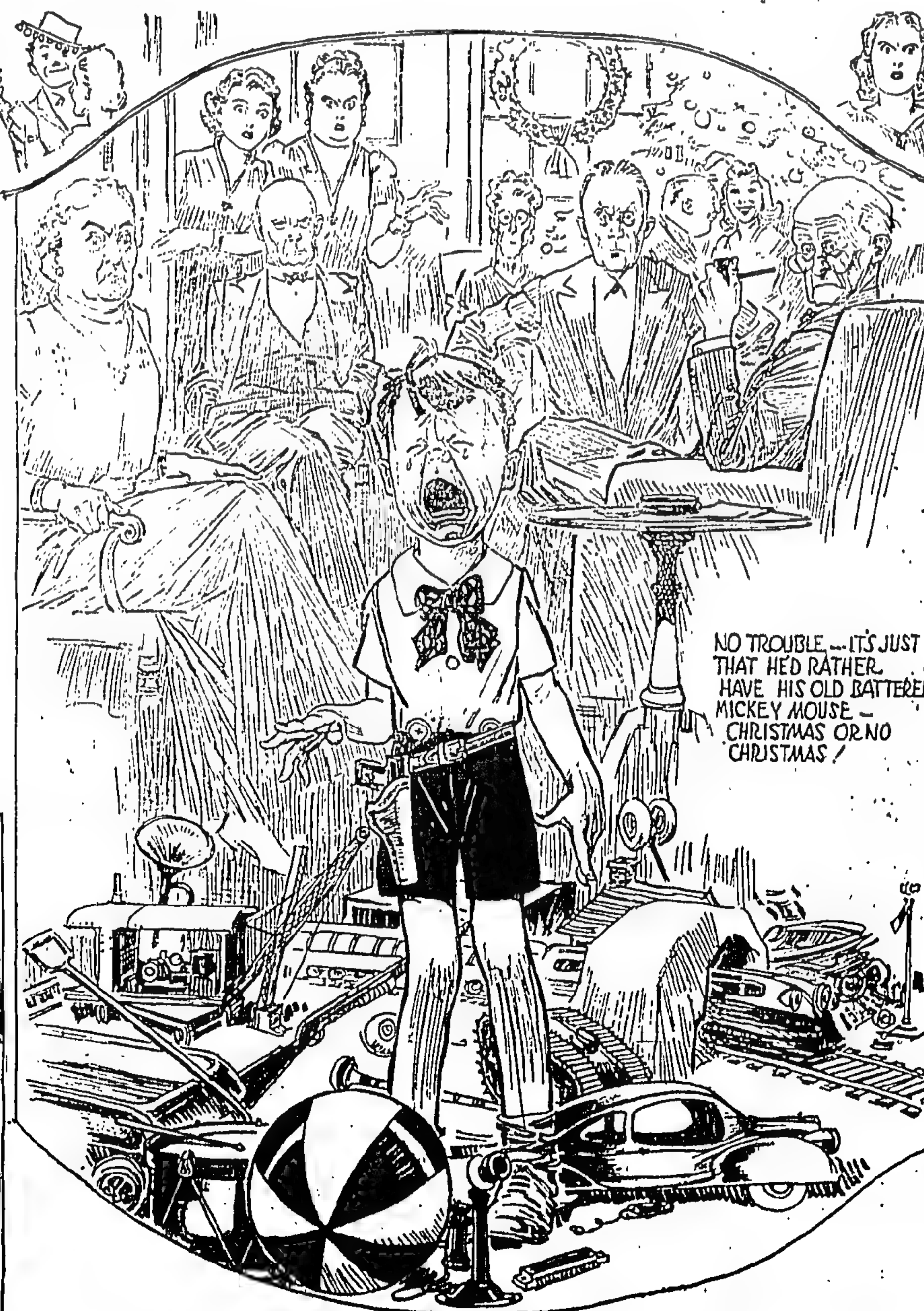


IT'S ALL RIGHT TO TRY TO REGAIN ONE'S YOUTH WITH A CARNIVAL HAT BUT IF YOUR DANCING STOPPED WITH THE WALTZ OR SCHOTTISCHE - FORGET THE IDEA

THE COLD-BLOODED LITTLE SQUIRT THAT COUNTS THE LOOT TO SEE IF EVERYONE HAS COME ACROSS



AND ABOUT ONE OR TWO A.M. THERE'S A GATHERING AROUND THE TURKEY - TO TAKE A FINAL HACK AT IT.



NO TROUBLE... IT'S JUST THAT HE'D RATHER HAVE HIS OLD BATTERED MICKEY MOUSE CHRISTMAS OR NO CHRISTMAS!



THERE ARE ALWAYS SOME OF THEM IN A CORNER. REHASHING THE YEAR'S ROUGH STORIES... THE WIVES HAVE TO WAIT UNTIL THEY GET HOME TO HEAR THEM.

DON'T CLOSE THAT CONTRACT! I CAN GIVE YOU BETTER TERMS!

OF COURSE BUSINESS REARS ITS UGLY HEAD.

J. NORMAN LYND.

IT'S THE CHILDREN'S DAY... LET THEM DANCE AND RAISE THE ROOF... AS FOR US, GIVE US OUR SHARE OF TURKEY AND A COMFORTABLE CHAIR AFTERWARD.

BADMINTON CHAMPIONSHIPS TO BE HELD SOON: LADIES' EVENTS VERY POSSIBLE GREATER SUPPORT FOR MEN'S SINGLES WANTED

(By "The Bird")

TO all Hongkong badminton players, a merry Christmas, and may the New Year find your "kills" never before so deadly, and your drop-shots never more delicate or effective.

THOUGHTS of New Year remind one that next month the Badminton Association will be considering the annual championships, and the officials will be keen to see that this season's tournament does not fall behind, in any respect, its predecessors of the last two years. It is unlikely that any startling innovations will be introduced, although, if the Club de Recreio extend their customary generous co-operation, it is unlikely that the Association will have to look further than the club's court at King's Park on which to stage semi-finals and finals. One can reasonably anticipate that the events will follow the programme now well established, viz: singles, men's doubles and mixed doubles, though whether, in view of the resuscitation of the ladies' league this season, the committee will feel encouraged to include at least one ladies' event, is a possibility which need not be entirely discounted.

ACTUALLY there seems to be no good reason why a ladies' doubles event should not be included, for that year, even though the league was not running, a special ladies' doubles competition was organised in connection with one of the semi-finals played at Taikeo, and it proved quite successful and worth while. This year, with league experience to encourage them, the ladies should warmly welcome a tournament which carries with it an official title. Lady players may rest assured that the committee will seriously consider including at least one event in the programme.

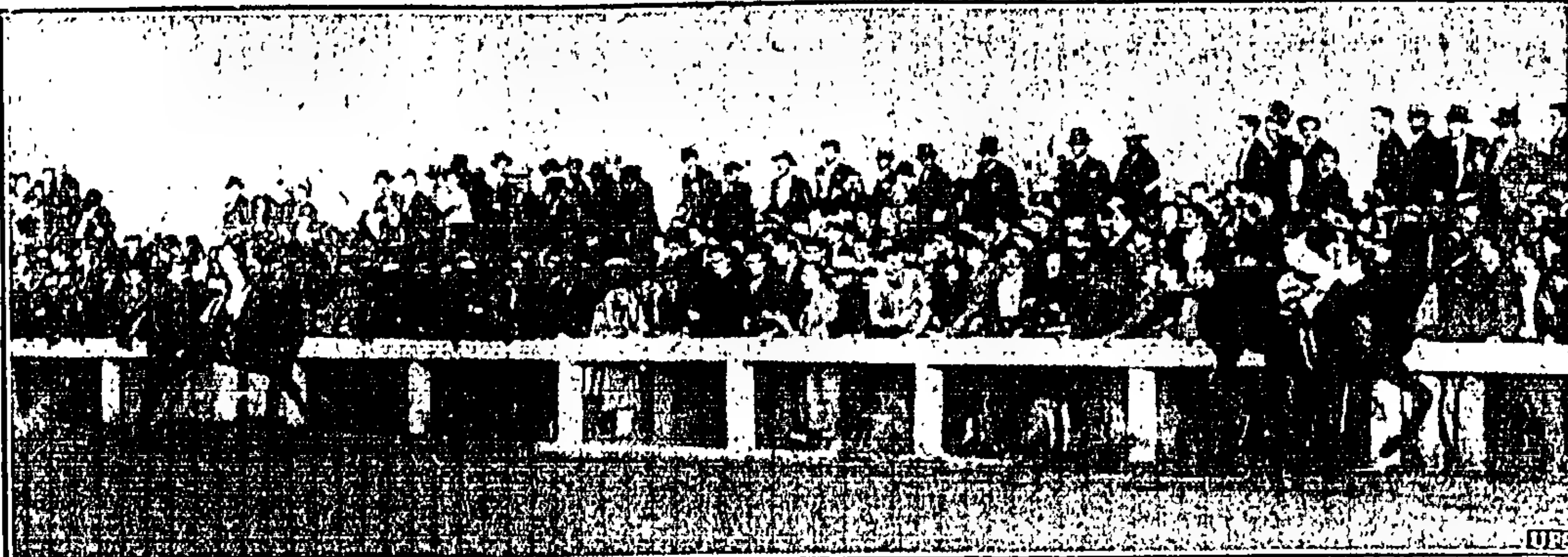
MORE enthusiastic support for the men's singles competition would be very welcome to the organisers. Hitherto players have had to be somewhat bullied into participating, which is strange in view of the fact that none of the other events is more open in the way of results. A player who only strikes a mediocre figure in a doubles match, may well become a giant-killer in singles, not only because the doubles and singles games have distinctive features, but also because very few players here attempt any regular singles practice. From this point of view, therefore, the majority of players take the court more or less on level terms, which is more than can be said with the doubles game. Players, too, would do well to appreciate that the singles game is admirable practice for doubles play, even though tactics are completely different. One's drop shots have to be very delicate and very often made on the run, while the game tightens up on accuracy in smashing and lobbing. Development in these three phases of the game would immediately make itself useful in doubles matches, where to-day one so often sees the drop-shot used with luck of

discrimination, and the "kill" so very often directed at the player instead of away from him.

THERE is every reason to expect this year's competition to produce as good a type of badminton as hitherto. For one thing the reigning champions are still here, and undoubtedly will be defending their titles, while there are several players who have made vast strides during the past 12 months, and who should enter the tournament with plenty of confidence, as well as ability, to win. The idea, prevalent during the last two years, that it is useless to enter the championships because one is more than likely to be knocked in the first round, cannot be too strongly deplored. Apart from the regrettable sentiment, it is merely adopting an unnecessary type of defeatism which does as much harm to the player as to the tournament. Like all knock-out competitions, the Hongkong badminton championships are capable of any number of "surprise" results, for temperament continually plays a more important part in these matches than relative skill. The League, as was pointed out by the Badminton Association chairman at a recent meeting, is a test of endurance extending over several months, with a second, or even a third chance offered to recuperate lost points. But in knock-out competitions there is only one chance, and this one chance can just as easily be missed by the best players as by the inferior. It is to be hoped, therefore, that this year's championships will find increased support from our players.

THE league has been progressing quite smoothly since my notes appeared, although the defeat of the Recreio by University "A" has made the first division title practically secure for the holders. In the "B" Division, however, the grim struggle goes on, with St. Andrew's becoming an increasing menace to St. John's Cathedral now that the Kowloon team has found its feet, and incidentally reverted to the Kew-Fincher combination. St. Andrew's cannot afford to split this year, which is more likely than not to win three games every time they play together. Two newcomers have also been showing excellent form, and with Choy as active and hard-hitting as ever, the side is easily one of the most difficult in the division to beat. Nevertheless, St. John's have not been allowing the grass to grow under their feet, and have been grinding up points regularly. They are still unbent, and have therefore got off to a nice flying start. The post-Christmas matches will be intensely interesting.

THE ladies division has already been virtually won by Recreio "A" as expected, with their "junior" fairly safe for second position. If there is a ladies' championship event this season, there will be no excuse if less than six Recreio pairs enter. Next month Taikeo come into the picture, and although it is expecting too much to believe them capable of upsetting



DISCUT BEATS THE ADMIRAL—Amid scenes of frantic enthusiasm of a record crowd of more than 40,000, Charles B. Howard's Seabiscuit made history when the horse beat Samuel D. Riddle's famed racer, War Admiral, by four lengths at Pimlico race track, Baltimore. Seabiscuit's time of 1:56 3/5 for

BEST HORSE OF THE YEAR

CLUB CAN STILL TIE WITH THE NAVY

Rugger Tourney In Vital Stage

(By "Fly-Half")

His Excellency the Governor has intimated his intention to attend the Triangular Rugby Tournament game between the Club and Army at Happy Valley this afternoon.

A keen game is promised as the Tournament is reaching the vital stages in which a win or a loss will make all the difference to the teams competing. Army will have to win all their matches from now onwards to avoid the wooden spoon, whilst Club will have to do likewise to ensure holding the Cup jointly with the Navy. Should Club and Navy tie for the leading position, a question of points scored might crop up and as the scores stand at present, the Navy are ahead.

Right from the start at 4 p.m., I shall expect the Army forwards to go hard and never relax a moment. Last week-end, against the Navy, the Army pack gave a rousing display and but for the weakness of their backs, a different score would have resulted. If anything, the Army pack to-day will be heavier and taller than their opponents, and provided they heel the ball cleanly in set scrums and are quick in getting it back from loose mauls, their backs should have plenty of opportunity to assert themselves.

ADVICE FOR ARMY

Last week the Army eight tried to keep the ball amongst themselves, a policy which pays only if the forwards realise that there comes a time in practically every forward rush when the ball can no longer be booted forward effectively. By all means make ground by forward rushes, but heel the ball quickly as soon as the rush

Cricket Tournament To Be "Covered" By "R. Abbit"

As in former years, the Triangular Cricket Tournament between the Hongkong C.C., Army and Navy will be fully "covered" by "R. Abbit," the well-known local cricket scribe, who writes exclusively for the *Hongkong Telegraph*.

The Club and Army will play on Monday and Tuesday, while the Navy and Army will meet on Wednesday and Thursday. A full report of each day's play will appear in the *Telegraph* on the following day.

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S. African Test Team Selected

Melville To Lead A Good Side

London, Dec. 20. The members of South Africa's team for the first cricket test match against England, which will be played at Johannesburg on December 24, are:

Alan Melville, Captain, Bruce Mitchell, Dudley Nourse, W. Wade, K. Viljoen, P. van der Byl, A. B. C. Langton, E. Q. Davies, E. L. Dalton, N. Gordon, G. Bend.

The first eight have also been selected for the second test match.

Even Game Expected In First Test

Johannesburg, Dec. 23.

The weather is very warm for the First Test match, to be played here to-morrow.

The Test wicket has not been used for three years.

South Africans consider that their chances have been increased by the decision not to play Len Hutton, who was hit on the head by a ball a few days ago. The game should be very even.

Leslie Ames will be keeping wickets for the M.C.C. — *Reuter*.

which is to take place in Cape Town on December 31. — *Reuter*.

either of the Recreio sides, their presence in the league will be warmly welcomed, and will add further incentive to the teams already participating to give of their best.

IN view of the Christmas and New Year holidays, no "A" Division games are scheduled until January 7, no "B" matches until January 7, no mixed doubles until January 6, and no ladies' doubles until January 10, but it is fairly certain that some of the teams will play off postponed fixtures, or re-arrange other games, in order to keep up with the schedule.

PRESENT STANDINGS OF TEAMS

The following are the present standings of the various teams in the Badminton League.

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	P.W.	L.	F.A.	Pts.
University "A"	3	3	—	10 2 0
Chinese "Y"	2	2	—	14 4 4
Recreio	2	1	1	7 11 2
University "B"	3	3	—	—
King's College	2	2	1	17 —

"B" DIVISION				
	P.W.	L.	F.A.	Pts.
St. John's	5	5	—	43 2 10
St. Andrew's "A"	0	5	—	14 11 0
Chung Wah	4	3	1	12 14 0
K. Tong "A"	3	3	—	15 12 0
Recreio	5	2	3	24 21 4
K. Tong "B"	4	2	2	19 17 4
Wanderers	5	1	4	10 29 2
V.R.C.	5	1	4	12 33 2
St. Andrew's "B"	3	3	—	12 —
St. and S. Home	4	4	—	—

LADIES' DOUBLES				
	P.W.	L.	F.A.	Pts.
Recreio "A"	5	5	—	44 1 10
Recreio "B"	4	2	2	18 10 4
Y.M.C.A.	3	1	2	6 21 2
St. Andrew's	4	4	—	—

MIXED DOUBLES				
	P.W.	L.	F.A.	Pts.
Recreio	4	4	—	33 3 8
University	3	2	1	16 11 4
Kowloon Tong	4	2	2	13 23 4
St. John's	4	1	3	—
aiuko	3	3	4	23 —

Here And There With "Abe"

Fine Football Promised For Christmas Holidays

SOCCER enthusiasts have nothing to complain about as regards the programme for the Christmas holidays. Though players will have a rest on Christmas Day, there will be a full League schedule to-day, an International match in the Sunday Herald Charity Cup on Monday, and another one on Tuesday.

The games should provide enough good football to satisfy even the most fastidious soccer enthusiast in the Colony.

To-day's League matches are particularly interesting. Heading the list is the encounter between Middlesex and South China "A" at Sookunpoo. For both sides it will be a match in which more than two League points are at stake; with each side boasting a victory against the other during the present season, they will be out to decide when is the better eleven to-day. Earlier in the season, the "Middle" defeated the Chinese in a League encounter, but the Caroline Hill men more than made up for it by their overwhelming win in the First Round of the Senior Shield. The latter game was not satisfactory, however, in this Courtney, the Middlesex's inside right, was ordered off the field shortly after the commencement, and it was not a fair test for the soldiers. In a game like this, unless the players are particularly careful, tempers are liable to be easily frayed; but it is to be hoped that a lesson was learnt from the Shield encounter, and that the players to participate in to-day's match will appreciate that loss of control does not add to the enjoyment of any game. Moreover, those who pay to get into the enclosure to see a match are entitled to have their money's worth of football. So, go to it, lads, but keep your temper!

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Money In It

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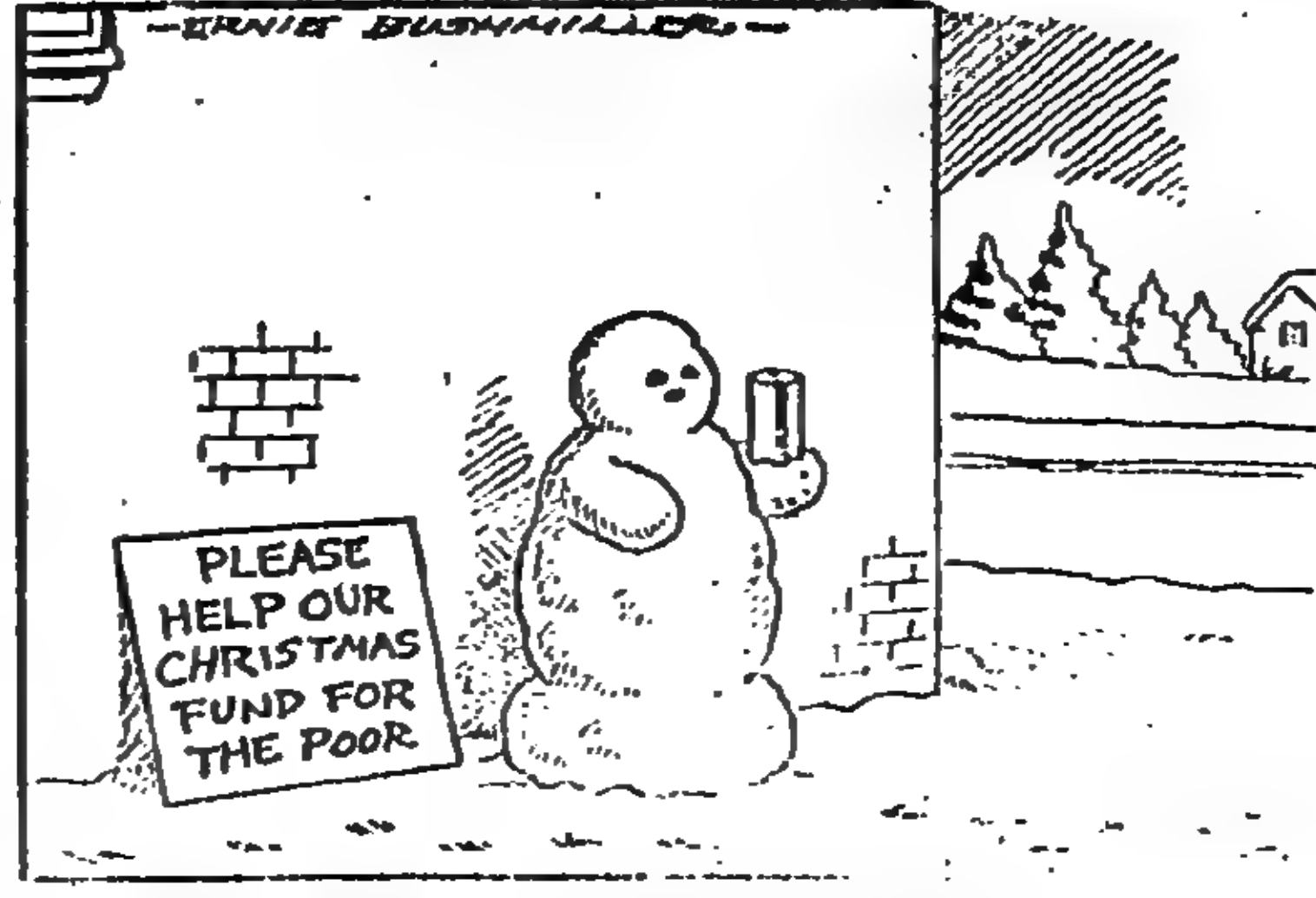
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NANCY



By Ernie Bushmiller

DRASTIC CHANGES IN NEXT VISIT OF AUSTRALIANS

Suggestions By Manager Of The Last Test Team

Drastic changes in the programme of the next Australian cricket team visiting England four years hence will be made if suggestions advanced by Mr. W. H. Jeane, manager of the 1938 team, are approved.

In his report, which will be submitted to the Australian Board of Control this month, Mr. Jeane will criticise the programme carried out by the team he managed.

He will recommend among other improvements matches with the North of England and the South of England, additional fixtures with Yorkshire and possibly Lancashire, the substitution of one match against the Combined Universities for the two fixtures with Oxford and Cambridge, and the elimination of games with the weaker counties such as Northampton and Somerset.

Last summer the second Test in June was the last appearance of the Australians at headquarters. The Australians felt that this was a big mistake, and it will be suggested that in future the programme should be so arranged that the tourists play at Lord's once in each of the four months of the tour.

Mr. Jeane and the players were convinced that not enough games were played in the North. The Sheffield match against Yorkshire was a tremendous success, both financially and from a playing point of view.

ENTHUSIASM

The players were tremendously impressed by the enthusiasm and cricket knowledge displayed by the crowd both in Yorkshire and in Lancashire and, of equal importance, the tenacity of the opposition.

The suggestion will be made that in addition to two fixtures with Yorkshire, Lancashire should "house" an Australia v. North of England match.

Other proposed fixtures will be against South of England at Lord's, and the Players of England somewhere in the South, if the Gentlemen of England match is retained in future tours.

To make room for these, counties like Northamptonshire, Leicestershire and Somerset would have to be content with a two-days' match or a three-days' fixture against two of the weaker counties combined.

Improvements carried out at once, but they will be advanced as a basis of discussion and negotiation.

FESTIVAL MATCHES

Another matter which the Aus-

tralians want considered by their Board, and no doubt Mr. Jeane will include it in his report, is that of festival matches at the end of the season.

In Australia, if an England side plays against an Australian XI, the selectors of the latter are restricted to the choice of not more than six Test players. The other five may be "Test possibles" but not probable.

In England the Australian team finds itself at the end of the season, when the players are tired, faced with two festival matches either of which might produce opposition as formidable as in any of the Test matches.

SOLUTION

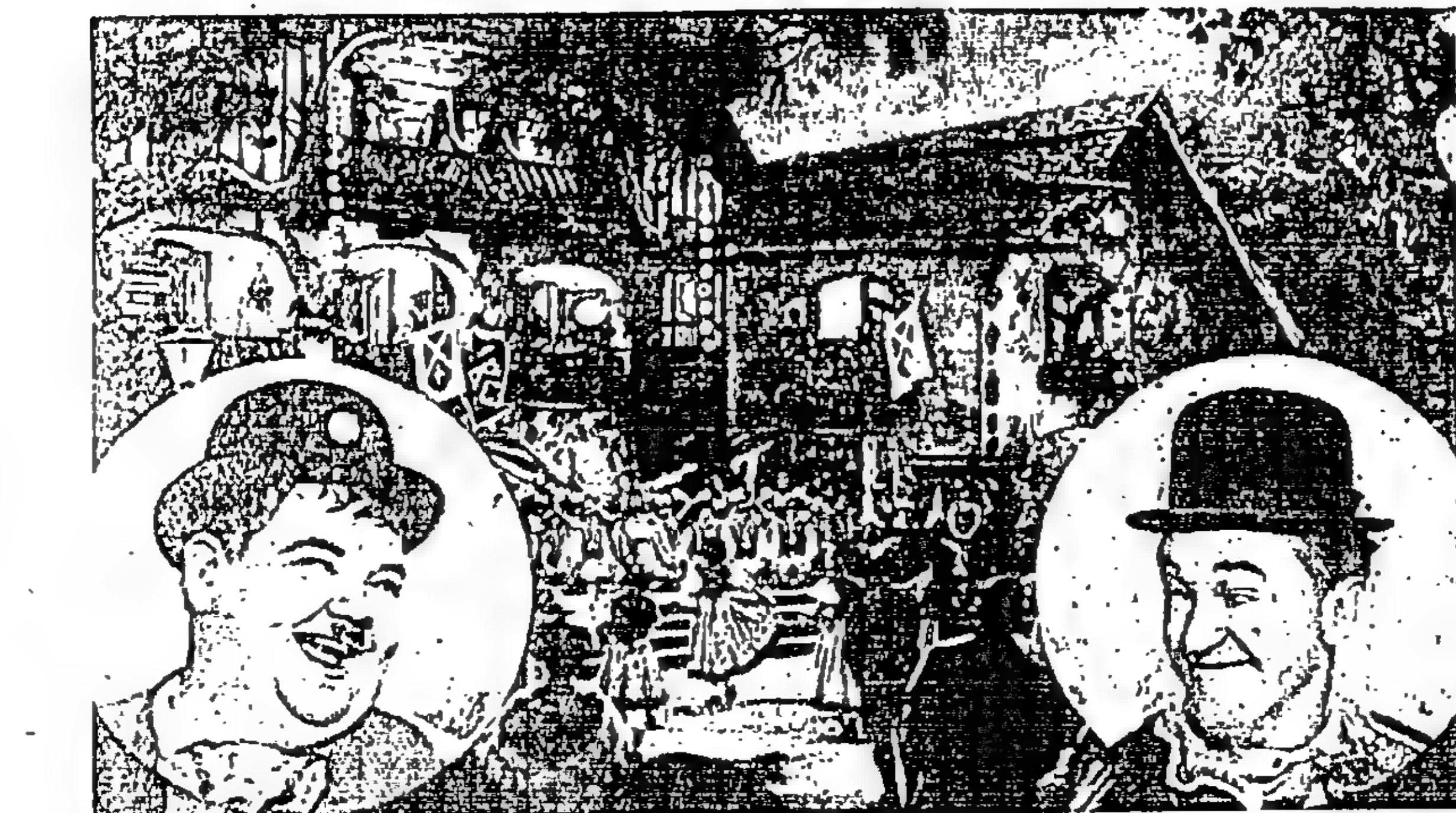
The solution, the Australians suggest would be an adoption of an Australian XI against an England touring side in Australia.

It will not be known until the meeting of the Australian Board of Control this month what will be the reaction to the English proposal to have all future Test matches limited to 30 hours (six days in Australia of five hours and five days of six hours in England).

It is certain that if Australia does agree to limit Tests in Australia it will only be done providing a number of the alterations suggested by Manager Bill Jeane are agreed to for the next visit of an Australian team.

FROST UPSETS SPORT

London, Dec. 23. Owing to the frost, it is expected that many football fixtures will be interfered with during the week-end. Hunting and golf are out of the question, and it seems that skiing is the only sport left.—*Reuter Bulletin*.



Laurel and Hardy in a scene from "Swiss Miss," showing to-day at the King's Theatre and will be the Christmas attraction for the week-end.

NOVA MAY FIGHT MAX BAER SOON

Winner to Meet Louis For World Title

New York, Dec. 17. A fifteen-round bout between Lou Nova and Max Baer at the Madison Square Garden on February 24 was considered to-day by Mike Jacobs, world's leading boxing promoter.

Nova and Baer were virtually assured of the possibility of the winner of their bout meeting Joe Louis, world heavyweight champion, for the title in June or September.

The bout between Nova and Baer was arranged because of Nova's victory over Tommy Farr last night. The youthful Californian almost knocked out the tough and experienced Welsh miner. After knocking him down in the fourth round he failed to send in the fatal blows in the fifteenth and final round because he had shot his bolt in the previous round.

Both Nova and Baer are Californians and were earlier considered as possible opponents for Louis in a world title bout which was to have been staged by the San Francisco World Fair authorities. Although arrangements were started for such a bout, the California authorities recently called the bout off.—*United Press*.

DISHONEST COOLIE

Takes Money from Pocket Of Soldier's Tunic

On Thursday, a number of Sappers and a gang of coolies were working on a hillside near Ho Chuen, Hebe Haven, when Sapper L. Martin missed \$20 from the pocket of his tunic, which had been carried from one hill to another by some of the coolies. All the coolies present were searched, and it was discovered that Kwan Wing-kwong, 20, had taken the money.

Kwan was fined \$5, or 14 days' hard labour, when he appeared before Mr. Q. A. A. Macfadyen at the Kowloon Magistracy yesterday.

THEFTS REPORTED

Tung Ma-chuen of Caine Road reports to the police that someone broke into his residence and stole money and jewellery to the value of \$197.

The loss of \$294.60 in money, and a Canadian passport, from his room in the Chuen Wah boarding house, has been reported to the police by Ma Sul-tan, a visitor.

Tang Tan-min, a widow, reports the loss of money and jewellery to the value of \$120. She lives in a hut at Har Woo village.

GOVERNOR AT KWANTI

His Excellency the Governor will be present at the Kwanti Races on Monday, December 20.

Baron von Cramm Not Returning to Tennis

New York, Dec. 20. According to Donald Budge, the American lawn tennis champion, he has received a letter from the German tennis ace, Baron von Cramm, denying reports that he intends to participate in the 1939 Davis Cup.

The letter states that Baron von Cramm is not leaving Germany, but is taking up a "domestic banking appointment."—*Reuter*.

BOXING DAY CRICKET

K.C.C. Teams For Match With Navy

The following will represent Kowloon against the Navy on Monday at 11 a.m.:
Firsts (away).—D. J. N. Anderson (captain), K. M. Baxter, R. T. Broadbridge, E. C. and E. F. Fincher, S. V. Gittins, B. D. Lay, R. E. Lee, W. A. E. Mackay, G. A. White, A. N. Other.
Seconds (home).—W. Mulcahy (captain), R. Baldwin, F. A. Broadbridge, H. Brokenshire, G. G. Davies, G. W. Giffen, G. A. Goodban, T. A. Madar, W. L. McKenzie, R. A. J. Simpson, A. N. Other.

SHEFFIELD SHIELD

Melbourne, Dec. 23. Playing against Victoria to-day, in the Sheffield Shield, New South Wales scored 284. Victoria had made nine for none when stumps were drawn.—*Reuter Bulletin*.

HUTTON NOT TO PLAY

Johannesburg, Dec. 23. Leonard Hutton, who was struck on the head by a ball during the match against the Transvaal, will not play in to-morrow's test. Hammond said it would be unwise and unfair to Hutton to play him.—*Reuter*.

OBITUARY

Tragic Death of Union President

London, Dec. 23. The death occurred to-day of Mr. Walter Giffin, President of the National Union of Railwaymen. He was found dead lying on the railway line near Swindon, after having been last seen alive sitting in a corner seat.

It is presumed that he stepped out of the carriage door while half-asleep. He was 65 years of age.—*Reuter Bulletin*.

JAPANESE POLITICIAN

Tokyo, Dec. 23. Mr. Tokitoshi Taketomi, member of the House of Peers and adviser to the Minshito Party, the largest political party in Japan, who has been elected to the Lower House 13 times,

Plans For Fancy Dress Soccer Game

Preparations for the fancy dress football match are now completed and, given fair weather, the large crowd that is expected to attend should enjoy a very attractive and enjoyable game.

The costumes will be varied: those of the European being humorous, but the Chinese side will be deplorative, representing various phases of Chinese life and periods.

The Chinese side is composed of players whose names were famous in football circles of many years ago. Probably the only player taking part in present day football is the well known Lee Wai-long, but other names include Wong Ki-leung, Leung Yut-ying, Wong Shiu-wa, Tso Kwai-shing, and Ng Kam-chuen, who will captain the team.

The European side will be skippered by H. Pelham, R.E. who recently played in an Army Trial Game, and his attire as a rough-riding cowboy is expected to daunt the valour of the opposition.

A noted personage will kick-off at the commencement of the game, and a well known Chinese film actress will present the "Cup and Medals" after the match.

The game is to be played at Caroline Hill on Christmas Day, December 25, kick-off 4 p.m. Prices of admission will be \$2, \$1, and 50 cts.

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

Donations to Charitable And Other Objects

The S. C. M. Post has received the following donations to the Lepers Christmas Fund:
"E. J.", \$2; Three Friends, \$5.

"B. F. R. D. C."

The S. C. M. Post has received the following donation to the British Fund for the Relief of Distress in China
Anonymous, \$10.

PROTECTION OF CHILDREN

The S. C. M. Post has received the following donation to the Society for the Protection of Children in memory of the late Mrs. J. E. Anderson: \$10.

STREET SLEEPERS

The S. C. M. Post has received the following donations to the Street Sleepers' Shelter Society:
Anonymous, \$5; Gham Khwar \$5; Anonymous, \$10.

DONATIONS WAITING

Donations are lying at the Business Office of the South China Morning Post for the following:

Chinese Soldiers' War Relief; Emergency Refugee Council; Tung Wah Hospital; St. Vincent de Paul; Salvation Army; St. Louis Industrial School; "B.F.R.D.C."

died yesterday. He was 83 years old. The late Mr. Taketomi was appointed Minister of Communications in the Okuma Cabinet in 1912 and was later the Minister of Finance. He was appointed to the House of Peers in 1924.—*Domei*

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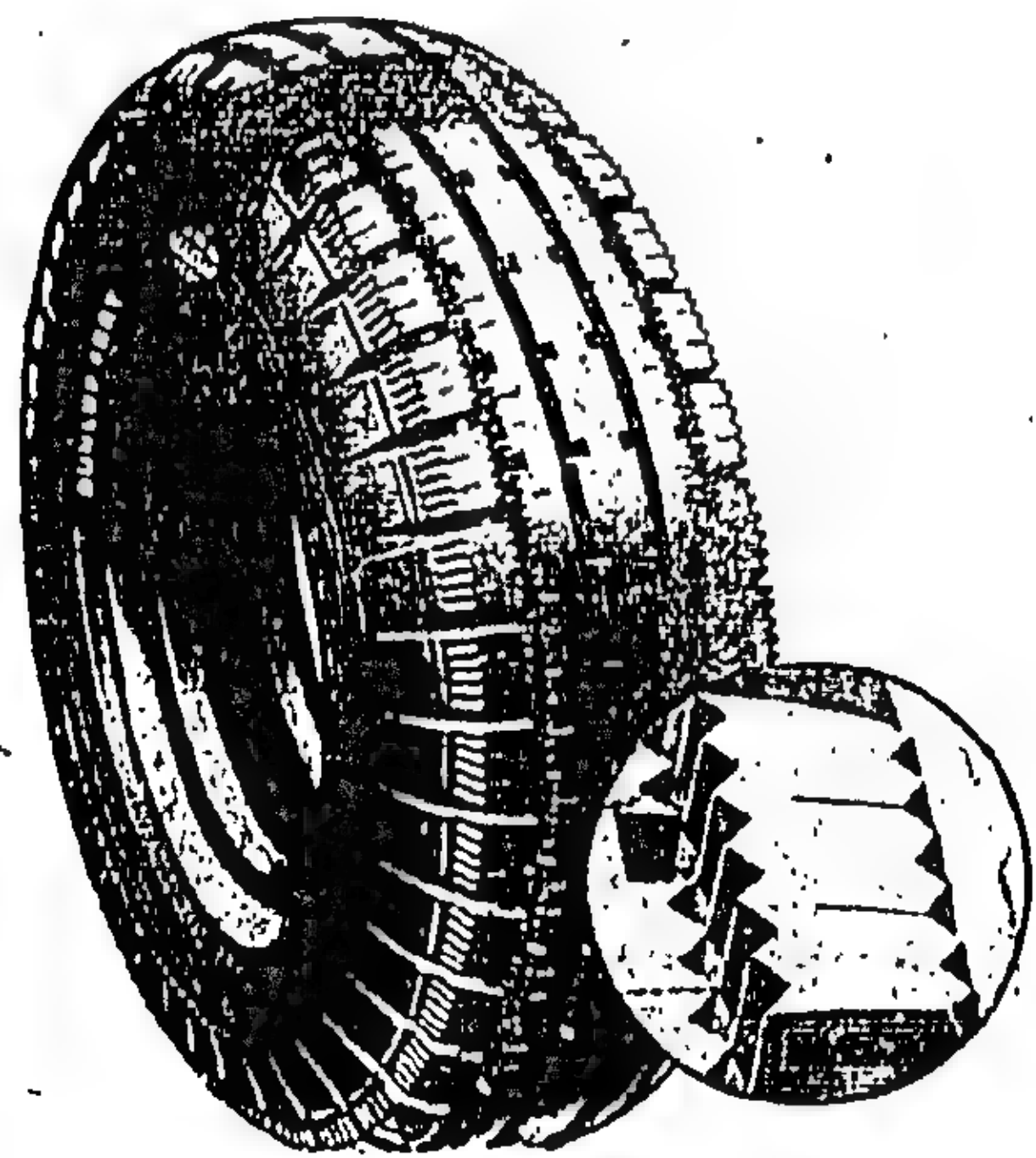


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Air Mail To-morrow

Swallows' Nest Sample
By Tho Dolia

The Imperial Airways plane Della landed at Kai Tak at 1.35 p.m. yesterday with mails from Australia. There was one passenger aboard, Lt. Comdr. J. G. Hickover, U. S. naval officer on leave. Among the plane's freight was a sample of edible swallows' nest sent from Bangkok for Shanghai.

The Delphinus left at dawn yesterday with the outward mail. There will be no United Kingdom mail to-day. It will arrive by the Delphinus to-morrow at 2 p.m.

FLYING POSTMEN

London, Dec. 12. Britain's flying postmen have already delivered over 200 tons of Christmas mail and have two more weeks in which to carry the remaining 140 tons. They were told by the Post Office to expect 350 tons of Christmas mail for delivery within five weeks. A fleet of 80 planes is being used. On Christmas Day the flying postmen will be spread along thousands of miles of Empire routes making their way home.—Our Own Correspondent.

SEEK NON-STOP RECORD

Italy Prepares Plane Able To Travel 8,000 Miles

Italy has prepared a bomber plane to smash Britain's 7,162-mile non-stop flight record, set up by two Wellesley R.A.F. bombers that arrived at Darwin, Australia, from Egypt on November 7.

The Italian plane is a Savoia Marchetti, similar to the Italian Air Force bombers, and is claimed to be capable of 8,000 miles non-stop.

Its three engines are of the Bristol type, built in Italy under special licence.

The Italian flight was held back to see how the British Wellesleys got on. The Wellesleys were single-engine machines.

A bomber with three engines, burning two to three times as much petrol as the Wellesleys and which could lift enough fuel for an 8,000-mile cruise, would probably be the world's most formidable air raider.

A tri-motored machine would need at least 10 tons of petrol for an 8,000-mile hop. Most of that load could be made up of bombs on a 2,000-mile flight.

Calculations made as a result of the British bombers' Australia flight show that Wellesley planes could fly non-stop from Calcutta to San Francisco, Bombay to New York, South Africa to Japan, Barcelona to Honolulu, Rio de Janeiro to Spitzbergen.—Daily Express.

AVIATION PIONEER

Flight Lt. Charles W. Bailey, aviation pioneer who passed through Hongkong in October, has reached Miami. He is flying half-way round the world from Singapore to London for the British Air Ministry, inspecting American air-lines. On December 11 he was due to catch the South American Clipper for Buenos Aires. He will stop at Cuba and Jamaica, and at the Pan American Conference at Lima, Peru.

AIR SERVICE

Arrivals and Departures
Of Planes

Outward

For London, Australia, British Countries and Europe: Imperial Airways 7 a.m. December 27, Imperial Airways 7 a.m. December 30.

For Chungking, Siam, etc.: Eurasia and C.N.A.C. services indefinite.

For U.S.A., via Manila, Honolulu, Guam: Pan American Philippine Clipper 8.30 a.m. December 29; China Clipper 8.30 January 5.

For France via Hanoi: Air France, 6.30 a.m. December 24; 6.30 a.m. December 31.

Inward

From London, Australia and British Countries: Imperial Airways 2 p.m. December 25, Imperial Airways 5 p.m. December 28.

From Chungking, Yunnanfu, Kweilin: C.N.A.C. Eurasia Services indefinite.

From U.S.A., via Honolulu, Guam, Manila: Pan American Philippine Clipper 12.30 p.m. December 29; China Clipper 12.30 p.m. January 4.

From France, via Hanoi: Air France, 12.30 p.m. December 29.

CHARGE OF MURDER

Two men, Chao Yung, 30, and Tse Chun, 24, appeared in remand before Mr. Q. A. A. Macdougall at the Kowloon Magistrate's yesterday on a charge of murder.

The defendants were formally remanded for a week, the date of the hearings of the case being provisionally fixed for 2.30 p.m. on December 30.

The men are alleged to have murdered a man on a hillside above the washing tanks in Tai Po Road on December 1.

Coming Attraction



"IF I WERE KING"

GOVERNMENT PRAISED

Views of Departing
Japanese Consul

"I am thankful for the kindness extended to me by Government officials and other residents of Hongkong, and I am very pleased that we have been able to pass through such difficult times without any serious incidents. This has been entirely due to the good administration of the Colony and the good behaviour of the people."

These remarks were made by the former Japanese Consul-General in Hongkong, Mr. T. Nakamura, in the course of a statement which he made before leaving for Japan by the Empress of Russia yesterday. He is accompanied by his wife and two children.

He added: "I hope the worst time is past, and that we shall soon see some improvement of the situation." He said that he had been abroad for nine years, and hoped to be allowed to remain in Tokyo for a time. He had asked for a position there.

Those who went to the ship to bid Mr. Nakamura farewell included his successor, Mr. A. Tajiri, also the American Consul-General, Mr. A. E. Southard, and the German Consul-General, Mr. H. Gipperich.

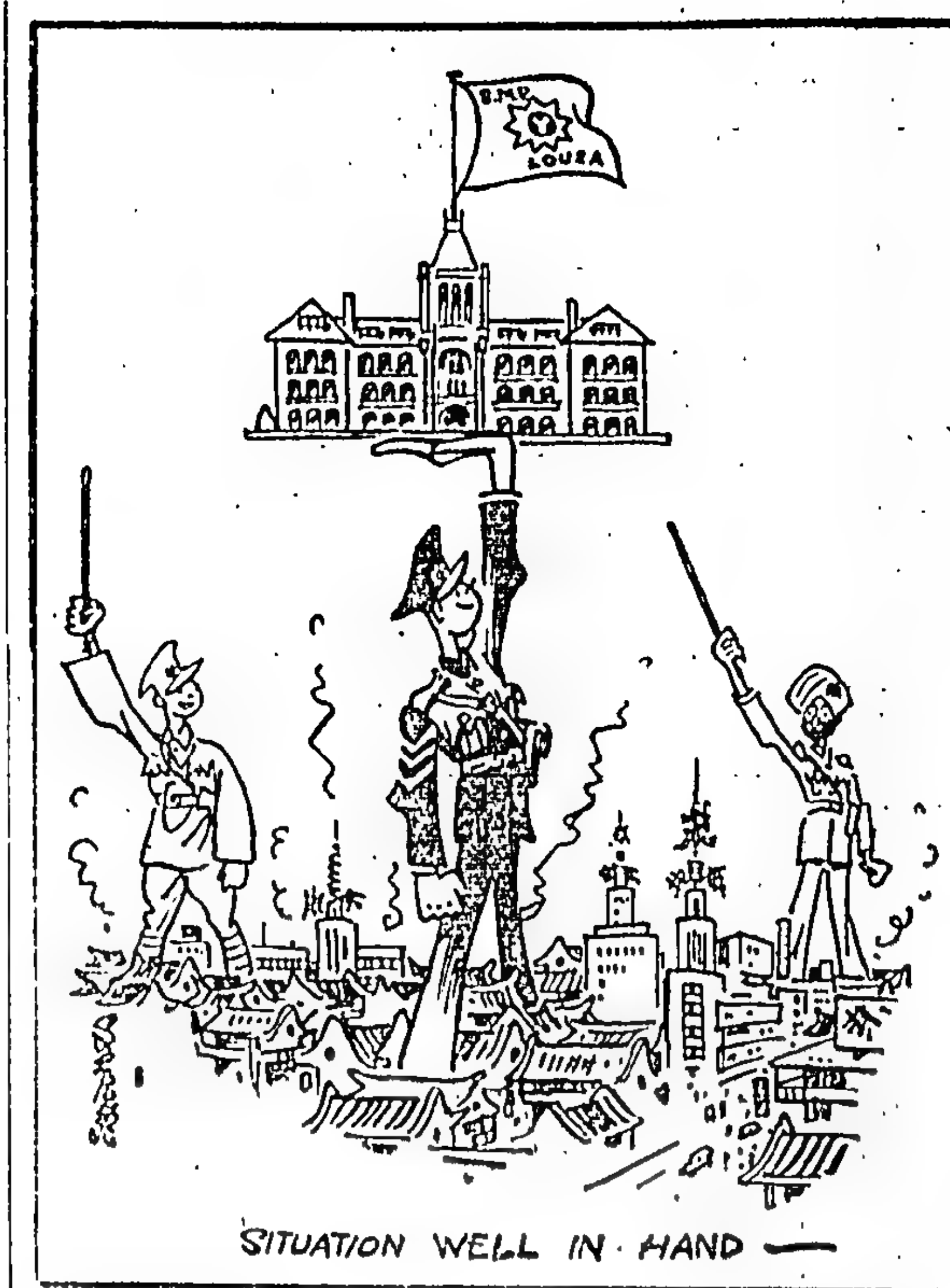
BLOOD TRANSFUSIONS

Colony to Have Panel
Of Volunteers

It was officially learned yesterday that the Police Force, the St. John Ambulance Brigade, the Hongkong University, and the Hongkong Volunteer Defence Corps, have been asked if they can find volunteers for blood transfusions, in case of accident and certain diseases in which blood pressure is indicated.

The services of the blood donors, it was stated, will not be confined to the exclusive use of Government hospitals but also to others, though under certain conditions.

The Hon. Director of Medical Services is making enquiries from the units concerned, among whose



THIS IS WHAT SHANGHAI THINKS OF THIS CHRISTMAS SEASON.—Sarpajou, the brilliant North-China Daily News cartoonist, is responsible for this motif for a Christmas card received by the "Telegraph" yesterday.

personnel full particulars of the scheme have been circulated.

HEALTH BULLETIN

Two cases each of Diphtheria and Typhoid, one case of Measles, and four cases of Dysentery, were reported to the Health authorities on Thursday.

Pension Plan At College

Wooster, O. A pension plan including all Wooster College employees working on the campus has been announced by the college. The plan goes into effect next year.



CANTONNAGE

Is what you put on the weighing machine when you have been living on the Bund for months without taking exercise and drinking Beer other than H.B.

TO-DAY'S RADIO

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12.0-12.20 p.m. Relay of a Service of Intercession from St. John's Cathedral.

12.30 Albert Sandler and His Orchestra and Richard Tauber (Tenor).

Halfway To Heaven (Film "The Street Singer"); If You Only Know (from "Crest of the Wave"); Albert Sandler and His Orchestra; I Know Of Two Bright Eyes (Clutsum); Richard Tauber (Tenor) with Orchestra cond. by G. Walter; Waltzes From Theatre-Land; Albert Sandler and His Orchestra; Fear Nothing (Operetta "Paganini"); The Old Tree (Napier-Tauber); Richard Tauber with Orchestra cond. by G. Walter; Rumanian Gipsy Dance (de Maurizio); Around The Danube (Paraphrase on "Wave of the Danube"—Chirrosin); Albert Sandler and His Orchestra.

1.0 Local Time Signal and Weather Report.

1.03 The Mills Brothers and Billy May.

Have You Forgotten? (Suesse); Billy May (Piano); London Rhythm (Williams, Addon); Solitude (Ellington, De Lange, Mills); The Mills Brothers (Four Boys and a Guitar); Elmhouse Blue (Brahms—Mayer); Orange Blossom (Mayer); Billy May (Piano); Sleepy Head (Film "Operator 13"); Put On Your Old Grey Bonnet (Murphy—Wentz); The Mills Brothers (Four Boys and a Guitar); Jasmine (Mayer); Sweet Nothing (Reitenberg); Billy May (Piano).

1.30 Reuter and Rugby Press, Weather Forecast and Announcements.

1.40 Selections from "The Bohemian Girl," "Duchess of Dantzig," etc.

"The Bohemian Girl"—Vocal Gems (Balle); Light Opera Company; "The Duchess of Dantzig"—Selection (Chopin themes adapted Clutsum); Court Symphony Orchestra; "Duchess of Dantzig"—Vocal Gems (Caryl); Light Opera Company; "The Maid of the Mountains" (Fraser—Simson); Light Opera Company.

2.15 Close down.

6.0 Studio—Special Xmas Children's Hour.

7.0 Closing local Stock Quotations.

7.02 Charlie Kunz (Piano) and The Street Singer.

When The Poppies Bloom Again (Polak); The Street Singer with Instrumental Accomp.; Piano Medley No. 110; Intro: Lost; The Glory of Love; Is It True What They Say About Dixie? Sweetheart let's grow old together; Lovely Lady; At the close of a long, long day... Charlie Kunz.

"Christmas Picture Book" Relayed from London

XMAS CHILDREN'S HOUR

Kunz (Piano) with Rhythm Accomp.; Lovely To Look At (Film "Robert"); The Street Singer with Violin, Accordion and Celeste Accomp.; Piano Medley No. 110; Intro: Rose Marie; Indian Love Call; The Girl Friend; Tea for Two; Why do I Love You? I Want to be Happy... Charlie Kunz with Rhythm Accomp.; Old Sailor (Kennedy); Serenade in the Night (Cherubini); The Street Singer with Instrumental Accomp.; Charlie Kunz Piano Medley No. D.18; Intro: Please be kind; The down and out blues; Cry, Baby Cry; The sweetest song in the World; The First Quarell; Little Lady Make Believe... Charlie Kunz with Rhythm Accomp.

7.30 London Relay—London Yule Lok.

7.40 London Relay—Tom Bawcock's Eve.

A forgotten festival recalled at The Ship Inn, Moushole. Tom Bawcock was a legendary character who lived at Moushole and who, one year on the day before Christmas Eve went to sea alone and made a fabulous catch. This was made the occasion of feast and the subject of a song. Though the celebration has died out, Moushole remains a fishing village, and to-night you will hear songs and stories of yesterday and to-day. Introduced by Bernard Fishwick. The programme produced by Pat Beech.

8.0 Local Time Signal, Weather Report and Announcements.

8.03 J. H. Squire Celeste Odelet. Memories of Chopin (arr. W. Loughy); Valse Blue—A. De Ballef (Drie); Operetta (Famous Operatic Melodies—arr. J. H. Squire).

8.20 London Relay—Paul Temple And The Front-Page Men.

A serial thriller by Francis Durbridge; Episode 3: "The Front Page Men"; Characters: Mr. Goldie, a Clerk; The Rev. Charles Hargreaves, St. Granham Forbes, Inspector Red, Inspector Hunter, Gerald Mitchell, Paul Temple, Fryce, and Steve; Introduction by Martin G. Webster.

8.45 A Programme of Latest Variety Numbers.

Dance Orch.—I Let A Song Go Out Of My Heart—Fox-Trot; The Meanest Thing You Ever Did Was Kiss Me—Fox-Trot; Harry Roy and His Orchestra with vocal refrain; Vocal—Quand On A Mal Aux Dents (Mirelle); C'est Le Debut D'une Aventure (Mirelle); Pills Et Tabac with Piano accomp.; Dance Orch.—Joseph—Fox-Trot; Wholly Buy My Bulbitchik—Fox-Trot; Emory Deutsch and His Orchestra with vocal by Nan Wynn; Piano—Rumba Aerobatique (Azarola); Clownerie Swine (Azarola); Azarola; Dance Orch.—A Love

Letter—Tango; A Farewell Letter—Tango; Heinz Huppertz and His Orchestra; Vocal—Cafe-Chantant (Wal-Bera); C'est Dans Un Cabaret (Mirelle); Dance Orch.—A Man Of The World—A Man Of The World; Joe Venuti's Blue Four. 9.30 London Relay—The News.

9.50 Relay of the Dance Orchestra from the Grill Room of the Hongkong Hotel.

10.15 London Relay—"Christmas Picture Book"

Memories of Pantomime. Written and Produced by William MacIntyre; Chorus and Orchestra under the direction of Jack Clarke.

11.0 Relay of the Dance Orchestra from the Grill Room of the Hongkong Hotel.

12.0 Close down.

TO-MORROW'S PROGRAMME

Puccini's "Madame Butterfly" Intermezzo and Act III

CHRISTMAS MUSIC

Radio Programme Broadcast by ZBW on a frequency of 845 k.c. and on Short Wave from 10.30-2.30 p.m. and 8-10.30 p.m. on 9.52 m.c.s. per second.

10.0-11.0 a.m. Relay of Morning Service from the Catholic Cathedral (Chinese).

11.0-12.15 p.m. Relay of Morning Service from St. John's Cathedral.

12.15 "Christmas Overture" and other Light Orchestral numbers.

Christmas—Overture (Coleridge-Taylor); Symphony Orchestra conducted by Sir Malcolm Sargent; Merry England—Dances (Griman); Orchestre Raymonde cond. by G. Walter; Victoria (Kunze); Waltz (from the Suite "The Wonder of the Flowers"—Kunze); Grand Symphony Orchestra; Paul Lincke Maudey (Lincke); Barnabas von Grey & His Orchestra; Schubert Waltzes (Schubert); Symphony Orchestra cond. by Walter Goehr; Stephen Galette (Czibulka—arr. Altendorfer); Regal Virtuoso; Luceuse (Jarnetoff); Orchestre Raymonde.

12.50 Songs by Peter Dawson (Bass-Baritone).

Peter Dawson's Christmas Party

And His Friends.

1.0 Local Time Signal and Weather Report.

1.03 Carols and Christmas Music.

Jerusalem (Blake—Parry)... The B.B.C. Choir conducted by Stanford Robinson with W. G. Webster (Organ); Christmas, Awake (Wainright)... Royal Choral Society cond. by Dr. Malcolm Sargent, with Organ; While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks By Night... Royal Choral Society cond. by Dr. Malcolm Sargent with Organ; Hark! The Herald Angels Sing... The Radio Choir with Organ accomp. conducted by Joseph Lewis; The First Nowell... Royal Choral Society cond. by Dr. Malcolm Sargent; Ring Out, Wild

Bells (Fletcher); God Rest You Merry Gentlemen; I Saw Three Ships (arr. Stainer); The Holly And The Ivy (arr. Stainer); See Amid The Winter's Snow (arr. Goss)... Royal Choral Society with Organ.

1.30 Reuter & Rugby Press, Weather Forecast and Announcements.

1.40 Ignaz Friedman at the Piano.

Serenata (Moszkowski, Op. 15); Humoreske (Dvorak, Op. 101, No. 7); Invitation To The Dance (Weber, Op. 65).

1.55 Puccini's "Madame Butterfly" Intermezzo and Act III.

Intermezzo... Members of La Scala Orchestra and Chorus, Milan, conducted by Carlo Sabajno; Act III... Sung by M. Sheridan (Soprano), L. Mannarini (Mezzo-Soprano), L. Ceeli (Tenor), and V. Weinberg (Baritone) with Members of La Scala Orchestra and Chorus, Milan, conducted by Carlo Sabajno.

2.30 Close down.

7.0 Excerpts from Gilbert & Sullivan's "The Yeomen of the Guard."

Overture... Light Opera Orchestra; When Maiden Loves, She Sits And Sighs... Nellie Bricliffe (Contralto); When Out Gallant Norman Poes... Dorothy Gill and Chorus; We're Tidy Bride... Nellie Bricliffe; Oh, Sergeant Meryll, Is It True?... Peter Dawson and Chorus; Forbear, My Friends... Derek Oldham, Nellie Bricliffe, Leo Sheffield and Male Chorus; Aye, Hug Him, Girl... Leo Sheffield, Derek Oldham, Nellie Bricliffe & Male Chorus; The Prisoner Comes To Meet His Doom... Full Company.

7.30 An Instrumental Concert.

Gavotte In E (for Strings) (Bach—arr. Wood); Minuet (Boccherini)... The Walter String Players; Le Cygne (Saint—Sats)... Marcel Mule (Saxophone) with Marcel Gavreau at the Piano; Venetian Gondola Song (from "Songs without words"—Mendelssohn); Duo (from "Songs without words"—Mendelssohn).

Lionel Tertis (Viola) with Orch; At The Spring (Zabel)... Mildred Dilling (Harp); Schatz—Waltz (J. Strauss, arr. Dohnanyi); "Die Fledermaus"—Du Und Du—Waltz (J. Strauss, arr. Dohnanyi); Ernst Von Dohnanyi (Piano).

8.0 Local Time Signal, Weather Report and Announcements.

8.03 Compositions of Eric Coates.

A House Love Made For You And Me; Stars And A Crescent Moon... Hubert Elsdell (Tenor) with Violin, Cello and Piano; Four Ways Suite; 1. Northwards (March); 2. Southwards (Valse); 3. Eastwards (Eastern Dance); 4. Westwards (Rhythm); London Bridge March... New Light Symphony Orchestra; A Song Remembered; Music Of The Night... John McCormack (Tenor) with Piano accomp. by Edwin Schneider; Cinderella—A Fantasy... Eric Coates and Symphony Orchestra.

8.45 Carols.

Noel (Cappau—Adam)... Georges Thill (Tenor) with Orchestra, Organ and Choir (Sung in French); Lullaby My Liking (Terry); There Is No Rose Of Such Virtue (Thalben Bell); See Amid The Winter's Snow (Goss); Christmas Lullaby (Corner, arr. Ball)... Choir of Temple Church.

FESTIVE SEASON

Round of Merry-Making Starts To-night

The round of gaiety and merry-making, usually associated with Christmas in Hongkong, will commence to-night.

At the Hongkong Hotel and Peninsula Hotel, the main attractions will be the dancing trio, Kyra, Roby and Harry, together with Ruth Dani and the "Grappa Glamourette"; while visitors to the Gloucester Hotel will be entertained by the amateur dancing generation, Landhoff and Cory. Elsewhere, scattered throughout the festive party of 140 set down to a the Colony, private functions no less festive will be held. For instance, at the Sailors and Soldiers' Home, Christmas festivities are now in full swing, and every effort is being made to ensure that the season will be a happy and memorable one for the Servicemen. The activities started on Thursday evening, when an en-sumptuous Christmas dinner, followed by a grand concert. On Christmas Day itself, a social hour will be held, commencing at 8.15 p.m., and on Boxing Night, boys from the Navy and Army will be entertained to a dinner and party.

The China Light and Power Co. will hold a children's party this afternoon; while the inmates in the children's wards at the Queen Mary and Kowloon Hospitals will be given a treat to-morrow. On Boxing night, the Kowloon Tong Garden City Association will hold a fancy dress ball.

The cinema theatres, too, have arranged special features for the holidays. At the King's, "Swiss Miss," with Laurel and Hardy, is being shown, and the main attraction at the Queen's and Alhambra is "Breaking the Ice," with Bobby Brown.

Outstanding sports fixtures are the International athletic meet at Caroline Hill, to-day and to-morrow, and the fancy dress soccer match on Christmas Day.

London with Organ; Still Night, Holy Night (Gruber)... Mantle Offers Contralto; With H. Dawson at the Organ (Sung in German).

9.0 London Relay—Students' Songs.

The B.C. Men's Chorus conducted by Leslie Woodgate with Stuart Robertson (Baritone) and Ernest Lush at the Piano; Gaudeamus Igitur (arr. Woodgate); Down in Demerara (arr. Mansfield); The Marmalade (arr. Woodgate); Ten Green Bottles (arr. Wood); Villkins and his Dinah (arr. Woodgate); Poor Ned (Koerner); Michael Finnigan (arr. Wood); Old King Cole (arr. Wood); Updick (arr. Woodgate).

9.30 London Relay—The News.

9.45 Marek Weber and His Orchestra.

Indra Waltz (from Operetta "In the Realm of Indra"—Lincke); Love's Dream After The Ball (Czibulka); Potpourri Of Waltzes (Robrecht).

10.0 London Relay—Christmas Songs and Carols.

Guelda Waller and Vera Macnochie assisted by Eric Gritton; Welcome Yule (Gritton)... Guelda Waller and Vera Macnochie; We Saw Him Sleeping (Gritton)... Vera Macnochie; Holy (Shaw)... Guelda Waller; Songs for the Christmas Party; Oranges and Lemons (arr. Alwyn)... Guelda Waller and Vera Macnochie; See me Dance the Polka... Vera Macnochie; Dame Get Up and Bake Your Pies (arr. Moffat)... Guelda Waller and Vera Macnochie; The Christmas Tree (Cornelius)... Guelda Waller; Christmas Carols: Good King Wenceslas (arr. Alwyn); Carol of the Friendly Yuletide (arr. Coleman and Joyce); The Wexford Song (arr. Shaw)... Guelda Waller and Vera Macnochie.

10.20 A Light Orchestral Concert with Richard Crooks (Tenor) and Gladys Swarthout (Mezzo-Soprano). "Cathiph Of Baghdad"—Overture (Docton)... Berlin State Opera Orchestra cond. by Clemens Schmalstieg; One Alone (The Desert Song—Humbert); When You're Away (The Only Girl—Herbert)... Richard Crooks (Tenor) with Orchestra; A World Of Romance... Guelda and His Sweet Music with vocal chorus; Paradise In Waltz Time (Film "Champagne Waltz"); Could I Be In Love? Gladys Swarthout (Mezzo-Soprano) with Orchestra; Parade Of The City Guards (Jessel); A Musical Snuff Box (Lindow)... Orchestre Raymonde; Merry Widow—Selection (Lithar)... Marek Weber and His Orchestra; You Will Remember—Vienna (Film "Viennese Nights"); I Bring A Love Song (Film "Viennese Nights")... Richard Crooks (Tenor) assisted by Edna Kellogg with Orchestral accompaniment; "Times of Hoffmann"—Potpourri (Offenbach)... Marek Weber and His Orchestra; Andante Religioso (Thome); Cradle Song Of The Virgin Mary (Rege)... Barnabas Von Grezy and His Orch.

11.20 London Relay—"Kynner Minstrelle".

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12.0 Studio—Sunday Evening Epitome.

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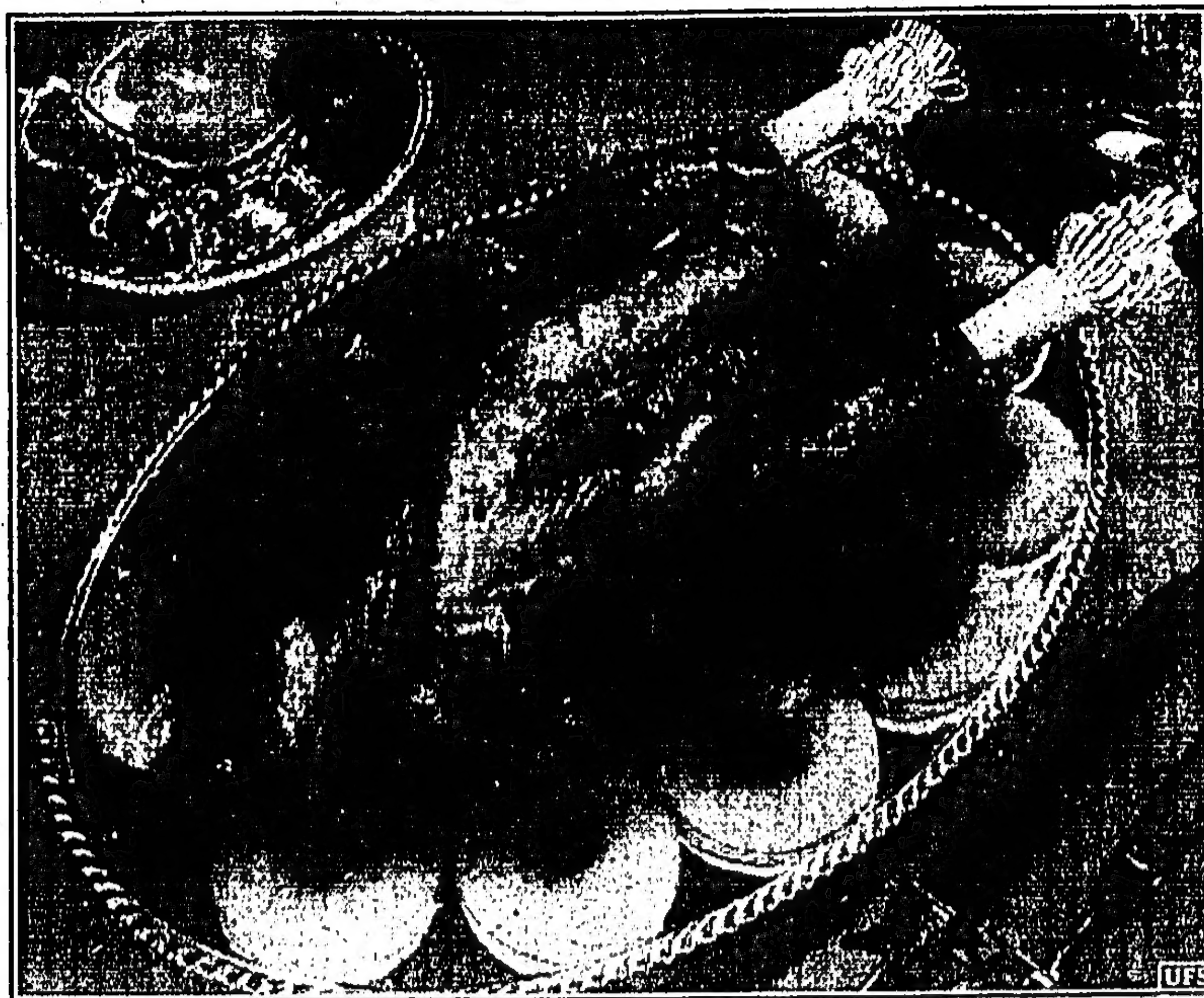
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A MENU FOR YOUR CHRISTMAS PARTY



Alternate slices of minted and cinnamon pineapple on a bed of parsley or watercress makes a delicious garnish that brides can try with roast turkey or baked ham for Christmas. For the cinnamon rings add a handful of red cinnamon candles to the syrup from a can of pineapple. For the minted slices add a few drops of green vegetable colouring and spearmint extract. Bring the syrup to the boiling point and add the slices. Allow them to chill overnight in the spiced syrup. Prunes, soaked overnight and then cooked until tender in syrup made spicy with whole cloves and cinnamon stick may be used to stuff the holes of the pineapple rings.

EVERY hostess, every the addition of anything else, ways, and treated exactly like cook, has a pet recipe Remove excess of fat if neces- lobster. Sometimes langouste for Christmas dishes—turkey, sary. This fat is delicious and is used.

mince-pies or pudding—though in reality these recipes are all fairly similar.

A little more of this or that spice or other ingredient makes a small difference to the taste of mince-pies or pudding, but it does not make a new dish.

A turkey, on the other hand, may taste very different according to what stuffing is used, for its flesh is good but not particularly interesting.

So subtle stuffing is worth thinking about—either the well-known and rather plain English one with chestnuts, or the American one with oysters, or the classical French one with sausages and truffles.

But what (in the French fashion) "perfumes" the flesh most is the custom of inserting slices of truffles just under the skin of the bird. This should be done a few days before the turkey is to be cooked; also, whatever stuffing is used, it must be not only well seasoned but light in texture and not stiff and heavy.

We must remember that a good bird dully stuffed is worse than an indifferent one succulently treated. That is where the technique and the art of the cook comes in.

But there are other things we can have on these festive occasions. Besides the customary ones. The following are some of my suggestions.

Stuffed Goose Landaise

TAKE a young goose, prepare it for roasting and stuff it in the following manner. About a quarter of a pound of breadcrumbs, a quarter of a pound of sausage meat, the liver, chopped, and a handful of olives stoned and cut in half, a spoonful of anchovy butter and a little chopped parsley.

All this should be well seasoned with salt, pepper, a little nutmeg, mixed together and bound with one egg.

Before stuffing the goose, sprinkle the inside with a little lemon juice, stuff it, close the opening and wrap the bird with very thin slices of pork fat.

Roast, basting often, and half an hour before the end remove each; cover with a light Mornay when the slices of fat, so that the goose becomes nicely coloured.

Serve with potatoes baked in Dublin prawns for this dish in the goose fat. The gravy must stand of lobster; in this case the remain as it is, not be spoilt by tail is used, cut in two length-

The time of cooking for an average bird is two and a half hours, beginning with a hot oven and reducing to moderate.

Wild Duck aux Bigarades

TAKE some wild ducks, allowing one for two or at the most three people as only the breast is really good and tender and should be carved in thin slices.

Put a piece of butter in a shallow saucepan and roast the ducks in it; baste often, allowing about twenty minutes in a fairly quick oven.

Remove the ducks and keep them hot. Put very little flour in the saucepan and make a little "roux," add a glass of port wine and one of veal stock; stir and finish cooking the ducks in that for ten minutes.

Meanwhile, put in a small good piece of butter, have it at and melt it. When it turns the foaming stage and cook your little pieces of beef, saute-ing them well; needless to say, being so small, they are ready orange (pith carefully removed), cut thin and small, like matches, and a little lemon juice.

Bring to the boil and cook a minute or two.

Skin the birds and pour this sauce all over; serve with it.

carefully peeled with a very sharp knife, made hot in a small saucepan.

The only possible vegetable with this dish is potatoes in some form, souffles, sautees, Anna or Macaire.

Orange Tart

PEEL finely five ordinary oranges, using the top skin only, and remove the pips. Pass them through a mincing machine together with four other oranges, from which you remove only the pips, and two lemons; add also the juice of three other oranges.

Mix well, and leave it to macerate for twenty-four hours in two quarts and a half of water.

Bring to the boil on a quick fire and reduce by one-third; put in four pounds of sugar and cook about fifty minutes.

Make an ordinary open tart about one inch high of a rather "short" type. Bake, and fill almost ready; serve hot or cold, any jam.

Put the rest of the oranges in the pots, where they will keep like any jam.

Put them in a fireproof or metal serving dish, dispose all round thin slices of lobster, boiled and quickly tossed in butter, a slice of truffle over each; cover with a light Mornay when the slices of fat, so that the goose becomes nicely coloured.

Some people prefer to use with cream.

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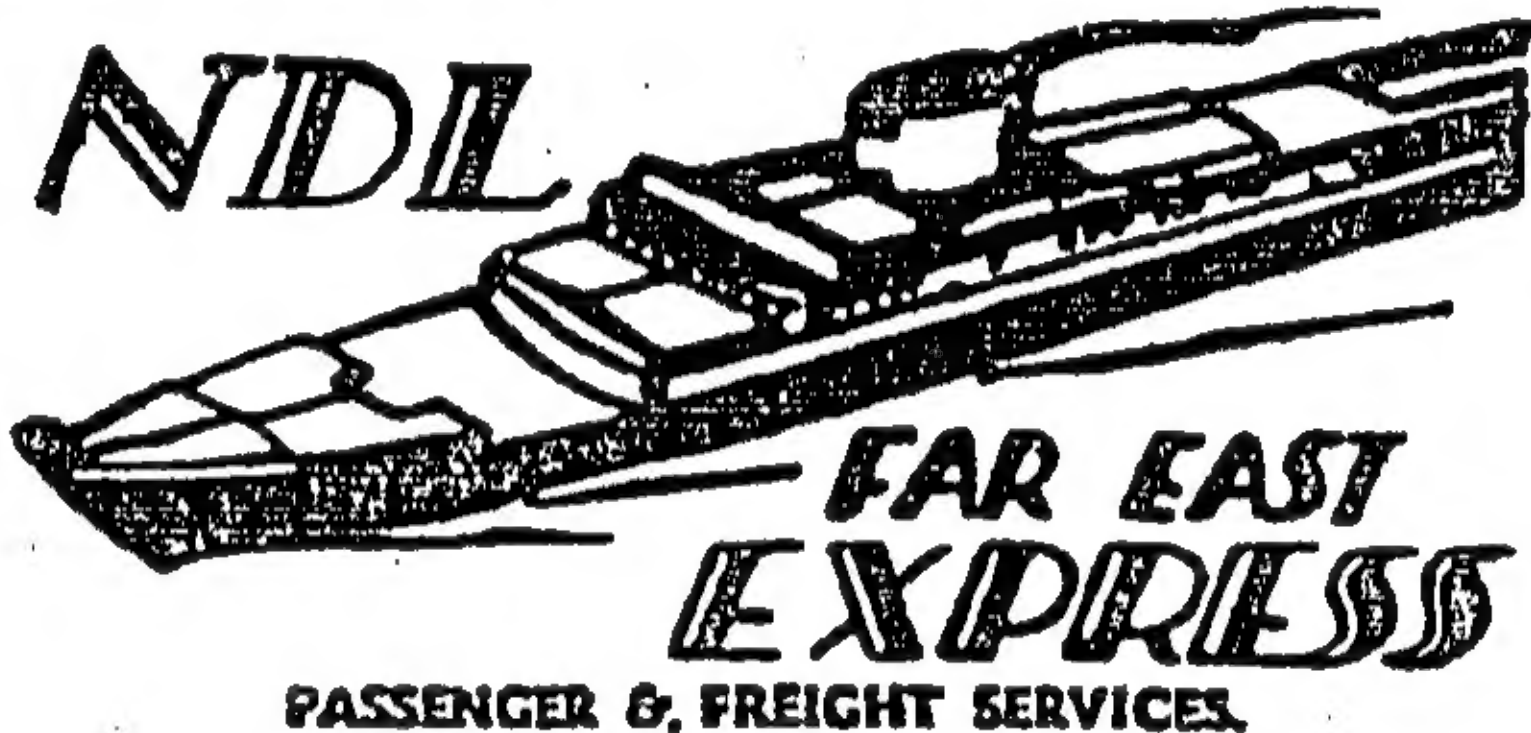
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RIGHT: The bride arriving at the Church with her father.

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Chan Kwai, 28, unlicensed hawk,

was charged before Mr. R. A. D.

Forrest at the Central Magistracy

yesterday with having robbed three

Chinese at a house in Connaught

Road West, on October 25, together

with two men, named Ip Choi and

Lan Sang, who had been charged on

Wednesday with the offence.

The complainants were Yung

Yuet-ching, Yung Wal-tun and Yuen

Fuk-fut. It was alleged that \$4,970

in Hongkong money, \$2,575 in Chi-

nese currency, a gold wrist-watch

and fountain pen, were taken away

by the defendant and his accomplices.

Chan was remanded for 24 hours.

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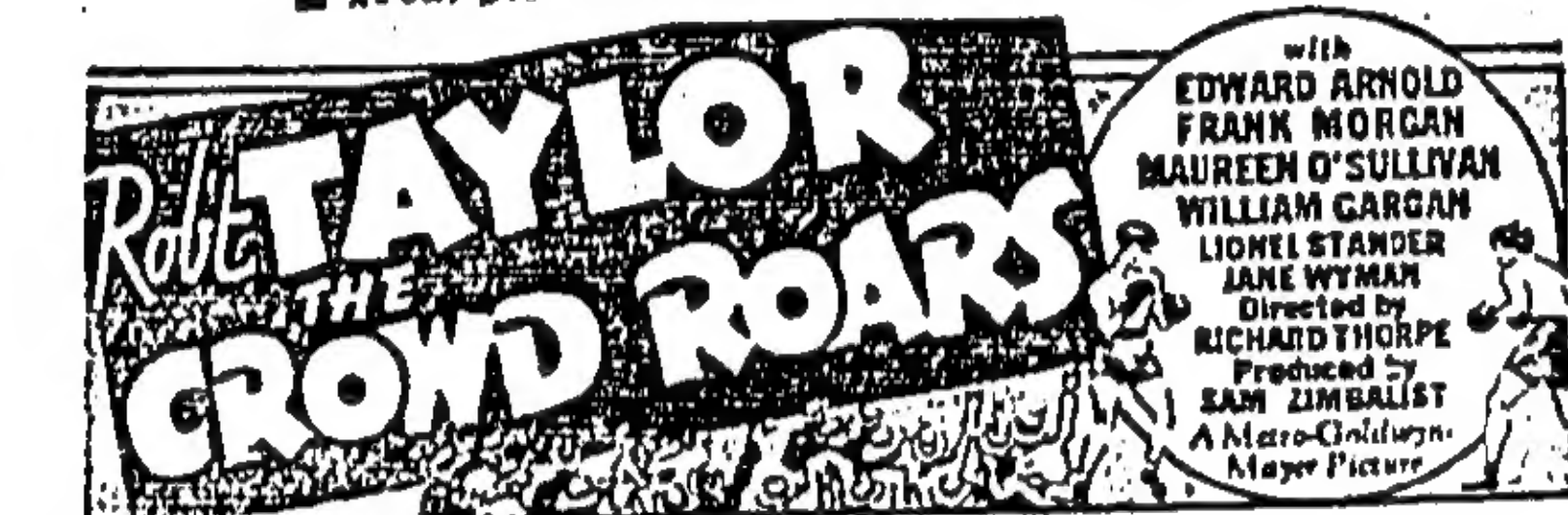


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LATE NEWS

Franco Starts Offensive

Hendaye, Dec. 23.
General Franco's headquarters have announced that the long-heralded Christmas offensive was unleashed at dawn to-day amid driving snow and zero weather.

The Insurgents smashed the Loyalist lines at four points along the western boundary of Catalonia. General Franco, cloaked in a Moroccan burnoose, personally directed the drive from near the Saragossa base. For nearly a month the General has been massing 250,000 troops, 400 planes and great fleets of whippet tanks behind the lines for the anticipated drive.—United Press.

BIGGEST OFFENSIVE OF ENTIRE WAR

General Franco's new drive is the biggest of the eight major offensives staged during the civil war, and it has as its chief objective the capture of Barcelona, which is 84 miles from the insurgent advance base at Lerida, from where the drive started this morning.

Surrounding Barcelona are the so-called "Iron Ring" defence works, built of steel and concrete, and manned by every able-bodied Spaniard between the ages of 17 and 60.

Although General Franco isolated Catalonia when he drove a corridor through to the Mediterranean at Vinaroz early this year, the task of conquering 10,000 square miles of Catalonian territory still remains.

The main offensive is centred at Lerida, and it started eastward shortly after 6 a.m., when the Insurgents cracked the Loyalist lines in the Sore valley after a terrific bombardment, after which, according to an insurgent communiqué, the Insurgents "continued strongly" towards the coast, apparently centring their attention on Cervera and Tarragona.

The Insurgents claim that four Loyalist planes were shot down at Sore.—United Press.

Intercession By Italy In Tientsin

Tientsin, Dec. 24.
Some signs of the strained situation precipitated by the stringent military measures of the Japanese against the borders of the French and British Concessions were shown in the revelation that two important pending issues between the Chinese authorities and the foreign concessions have been settled.

The Italian Consul rendered his best offices for the settlement of the proposed control of telephone service in the British and French Concessions by the Chinese Municipal Government.

With a preliminary understanding reached between the Italian Consul and the British and French authorities on Wednesday, memoranda were exchanged on Friday between Mayor Pan Yu-kuei of Tientsin and the authorities of the foreign Municipal Councils.

Under the present agreement, Mayor Pan Yu-kuei will assume the post of director of the telephone office and participating in the in-

ternational committee will exercise virtual control of the telephone communication throughout the city. After having remained cut off since last July, telephone service between the Japanese and Chinese quarters and the British and French Concessions has now been resumed by virtue of the new agreement.—Domei.

Italians Aiding Franco, Claimed

Barcelona, Dec. 24.
Loyalists admit Insurgents pushed new offensive on Catalan front but claim drive resulted in no material gains. Loyalists allege Italian troops participated.—Reuter.

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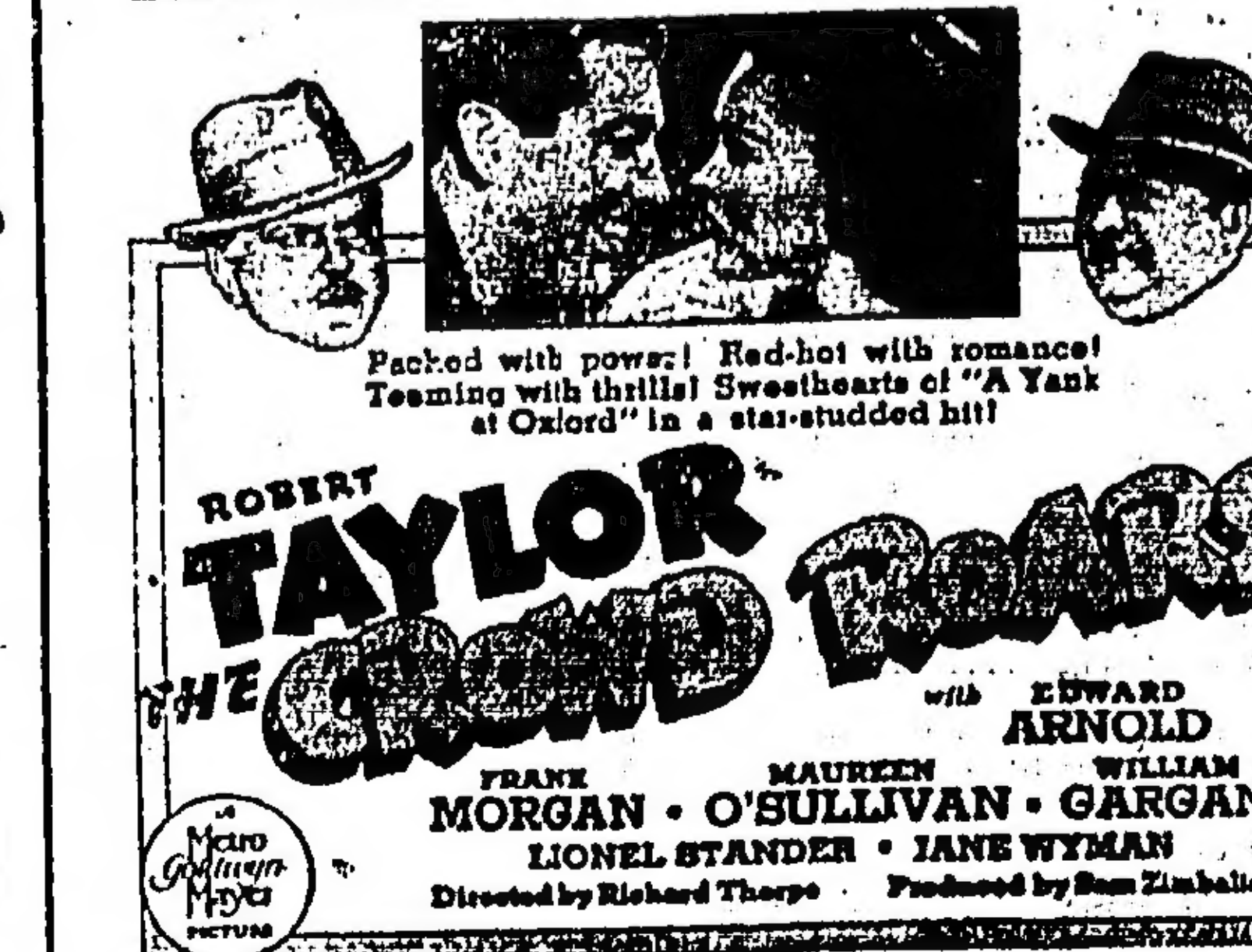
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